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AT LAST THE REASON

The London "Daily Herald" commented yesterday.—

"The reason why Hitler has not yet invaded Britain is that his experts are having some difficulty in forging documents to prove we were planning to invade Britain first!" —Reuter.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP THE OFFENSIVE

An Air Ministry communique states that on Thursday night R.A.F. bombers carried out extensive operations over a wide area.

Their object, as on previous occasions, was to reduce the striking power of the German air force by attacking oil supplies, aircraft factories and aerodromes.

Thus, oil supplies at Bremen, Sterkrade, Bottrop, Castrop, Rauxel, Dortmund and Kamen were set on fire.

Aircraft factories at Kishel, Eschwage and Gotha were attacked, together with 14 aerodromes in Holland and Germany.

Besides these primary targets, the Dortmund-Ems Canal, the Hamburg docks and other military objectives, including blast furnaces and goods yards in the Ruhr, were bombed.

An enemy fighter which attempted to intercept our bombers was shot down. Five of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 1 HOISTED

Number One typhoon signal, indicating the existence of a typhoon which may possibly affect the locality, was hoisted at about 9.30 this morning.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT FULL REPORTS HAD CONFIRMED THAT A TOTAL OF 28 GERMAN PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON THURSDAY. EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, ANOTHER GERMAN BOMBER WAS BROUGHT DOWN OVER SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND.

The Air Ministry also stated that in an attack on a south-east coast town yesterday morning, some houses were destroyed and others were damaged. One civilian was killed.

Thursday's bag was, therefore, the biggest yet recorded in one day. The nearest to it was on July 11, when the Germans lost 23 planes in attacks on Britain. Raids during the 2½ days up to yesterday morning cost the Germans 41 planes for certain—12 on Wednesday, 28 on Thursday and one early yesterday morning. Some of Thursday's bag was brought down by anti-aircraft fire, but most of the enemy machines fell victims to the R.A.F., who lost five fighters, the pilots of two of which are safe.

Germany's biggest raid on Thursday was on a convoy of 21 small coastal ships accompanied by armed trawlers.

Five Ships Sunk

The Admiralty announced yesterday that five small ships, totalling 5,104 tons, were sunk, and another five, totalling 5,133 tons, were damaged—one, a ship of 550 tons, was beached.

This disposes of the German claim to have sunk 11 ships totalling over 43,000 tons.

The convoy was heavily attacked by waves of bombers 30 at a time. Nine German motor-torpedo-boats were also seen approaching.

Two British destroyers and two motor torpedo-boats intervened, whereupon the Germans retired hastily behind a smoke-screen. They were chased and engaged for 15 minutes, but the smoke prevented our ships from observing the damage.

On the way back, the destroyers were subjected to two dive-bombing attacks, as a result of which they sustained some damage, some casualties being sustained on board H.M.S. Boreas, 1,360 tons.

It was during the attack on this convoy that most of the 28 German planes were shot down.—Reuter.

SHIPPING ATTACKED OFF IRELAND

It is understood that German aircraft attacked shipping off the coast of northern Ireland yesterday.

The flashes of anti-aircraft guns were seen by watchers.—Reuter.

PETITION: INSTANT RESPONSE

Announcement that a petition had been drawn up at the inspiration of Hong Kong men whose wives have been sent to Manila as evacuees, to be submitted to Government under Sir Henry Pollock's sponsorship had this morning an instantaneous response.

The offices of the "China Mail" had to deal with the first arrivals of signatories before 2.30 a.m. and there was an equally quick response at the office of the "Morning Post."

The petition urges H.E. the Officer Administering the Government to abolish the compulsory evacuation scheme and to permit women and children to return to the Colony.

One of the grounds advanced is that the situation has undergone a favourable change since the evacuation order was made.

The terms of the petition were set out full in this morning's paper.

Legal advice on the petition is that there is no bar to signature by Government servants as the issue involved appellants to their private and family life.

125,000 AUSTRALIANS FOR AIR FORCE

A total of 125,000 men have volunteered for the Australian air force, Sydney radio announced yesterday.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL DISCUSSES THE FAR EAST

Reuter understands that Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, called on Mr. Winston Churchill by invitation on Thursday evening and remained with the Prime Minister in conversation for a long time, during which the whole Far Eastern situation was reviewed in a frank and friendly spirit.—Reuter.

TRAWLERS IN ACTION

An Admiralty communique yesterday afternoon announced that H.M.S. Fleming, armed trawler, had been in action with four Nazi dive-bombers. She was hit amidships and sank.

Another trawler, H.M.S. Berberis, opened up her anti-aircraft guns and got a direct hit on one Nazi plane, apparently hitting the bomb racks, for it burst in mid-air. The only wreckage found was a rubber boat and a lot of wood. There were no signs of any crew.

Berberis also seriously damaged a second plane.

A third trawler picked up survivors from Fleming, which was the only one to suffer any casualties.—Reuter.

SOVIET MENACES RUMANIA

A broadcast message referring to "frontier measures" occasioned some pre-occupations by Rumanian Government circles yesterday, says a Reuter telegram from Kiev (Russia) this morning.

The Soviet spokesman declared many thousand refugees were arriving daily from Rumania, complaining of the tyrannical nature of the Rumanian regime.

The spokesman said their treatment had better be improved or the Soviet Government would be obliged to take frontier measures.—Reuter.

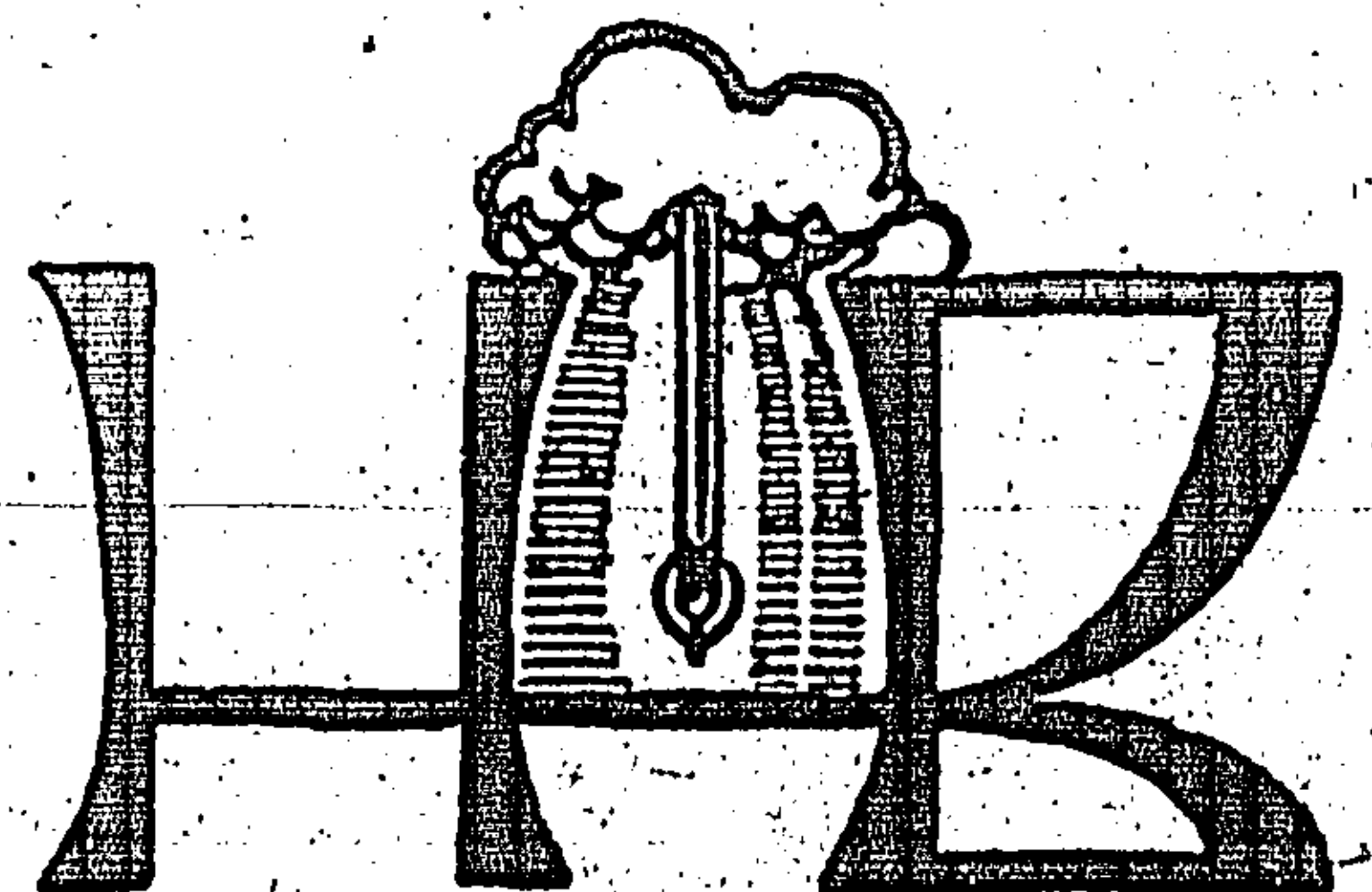
ONE SHELL DOWNS TWO

A man who bagged two German planes with one shot has been awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

He is Alliot Allard, gunlayer of the steamship "City of Brussels."

After unloading cargo at Brussels, the ship was attacked by two enemy aircraft. Allard opened fire with a 12-pounder high angle gun and the very first shot, bursting between the two machines, caused one to crash, while the second, obviously damaged, lost height and was reported by several villagers also to have crashed.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

VIRTUAL OIL EMBARGO

President Roosevelt's Dramatic Decision

Valuable Aid To Britain

CONSIDERABLE INTEREST in the American extension of the licensing system to oil and scrap iron exports is indicated by United States wireless commentators.

All agree the step constitutes a virtual embargo on such exports to Japan and Spain.

The well-known commentator, Raymond Gram Swing, pointed out yesterday that President Roosevelt had avoided any criticism or outright hostility to Japan, thereby relieving Japan of any necessity for "face-saving," but declared the effect was the same, since the embargo weakens Japan's war strength.

He added the step was not of direct assistance to China but shows an entirely new spirit in the United States foreign policy.

In connexion with reports that Spain had been importing oil to pass on to Germany or Italy, the commentator stated Rumania would not solve Hitler's oil problem or make up for the loss of Russian supplies.

He said Germany had not enough oil to carry on the war very long at full blast. Germany's oil reserves were believed to be steadily sinking.

Another commentator described the oil embargo as "eloquent evidence of the extent to which the United States is co-operating with Britain in the blockade of the Axis powers."

Realism

The New York "Herald-Tribune," commenting yesterday on the American oil embargo, said President Roosevelt's action in putting oil and scrap metal on the list of strategic materials which must be licensed for export, and the Maritime Commission's action in refusing authority to two American tankers with heavy cargoes of oil for Spain, are both illustrations of the fact that democracy can move with realism and in defence of its own interests in the world and does not have to sit helplessly in the tangles of its own assumptions until it is pole-axed by those for whom the assumptions are a laughing stock.

The colossal anomaly of the nation preparing to conscript its youth and voting money by tens of billions for defence, while at the same time continuing to allow its material resources to be exploited by the only power against which defence is ever likely to be necessary, has become too obvious for even die-hard isolationism to defend it with any conviction.

Neither the Germans nor the Japanese may like such actions but they will give them no greater ability to retaliate than they possessed before.—Reuter.

Japanese Ambassador Sees Mr. Welles

The Japanese Ambassador in Washington called on Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Acting Secretary of State, yesterday.

It is understood they discussed the imposition of the licensing restrictions on oil and scrap metal. At his press conference yesterday President Roosevelt denied any embargo was involved, adding the question was only one of national defence.—Reuter.

EMPIRE GIFTS TO NAVY LEAGUE

The Navy League announces that during the first seven months of the year it has received from the Empire for its comforts scheme over 200,000 articles, and over £40,000 in cash.—Reuter.

COL. MARY BOOTH INTERNED

It was learned in London yesterday that the Germans have interned Colonel Mary Booth, leader of the Salvation Army in Belgium, at Constance.—Reuter.

THE EMPIRE RALLY

Villages, towns and voluntary organizations in Canada have provided 130 ambulances which, a cable to Canadian Red Cross headquarters in London states, are being forwarded to England as quickly as possible.

The Royal Calcutta Turf Club has given the equivalent of £88,000 to the East India Fund for the purchase of war planes. It has already given £7,500.

The Seychelles Islands have sent a first contribution of £2,000 as renewed pledge of their loyalty.

The smaller South African territories have also sent in contributions—£4,000 from Basutoland, £4,145 from Bechuanaland and £900 from Swaziland.

JAPAN DISTURBED BY U.S. ACTION

President Roosevelt's action adding petroleum and scrap metal to the list of licensible commodities was described by a Japanese Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo yesterday as a "very important matter which will cause a great reaction in Japan."

Official Japanese circles declare that as the American law in question was enacted for the purpose of conserving war materials in the United States it is incomprehensible that oil and scrap iron, which are abundant in the United States, should be included in the list.—Reuter.

KENYA QUIET

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday says the day was quiet. Normal air reconnaissances were carried out and no movements of the enemy were reported.—Reuter.

LARGE PINCHES OF SALT RECOMMENDED

THE LONDON "Daily Express" yesterday told its readers not to believe stories of quarrels among the Nazi leaders. Reports, it says, are going about that Goering is against the invasion of Britain and Ribbentrop and Himmler are all for it.

These stories of dissension are mere optimism. Any debates that are going on have nothing to do with the invasion of Britain. They concern Rumanian oil.

King Carol is as much under Hitler's thumb as Marshal Petain, the "Daily Express" goes on. He would like to send all the oil of Rumania to the Axis powers, but he cannot do it. There is not enough transport by rail and road, and the Mediterranean is British-controlled.

Hitler is planning a two-phase programme—he must have oil and he must have England. Instead of waiting, the "Daily Express" says, to see which way he is going, we can make up his mind for him—by tightening the blockade and by concentrated bombings of his oil dumps and refineries.

"The Times" discusses the claims of Hungary and Bulgaria on Rumania. The mouth of the Danube is as much the concern of Hitler as it is of Stalin. Rumanian oil, from Hitler's viewpoint, must remain within German reach and under German control.

Hitler, therefore, is trying to impose quiet in the Balkans—but whether or not he can do it is another matter. Whatever he does, his sole guide will be German, not Balkan, interests.—Reuter.

CHINESE RED CROSS RAISE NEW ISSUE

Dr. R. K. Lim, head of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Commission is urging the Chinese Embassy in London to secure the exemption of equipment, supplies, vehicles and fuel belonging to the Chinese Red Cross from the Burma road restrictions.

Dr. Lim declares that if vehicles and fuel used for medical relief were prohibited, it would be useless to permit supplies to be forwarded as they would be without means of transporting medical material to the interior and would be unable to operate ambulances.—Reuter.

NAVAL ACTIONS IN MEDITERRANEAN HEARTEN EGYPT

THE EXPLOITS OF THE Royal Navy in the past three weeks have put new heart into the Near East peoples and swept away doubts which arose among Egyptians and others after the collapse of France when, with Italy astride the Mediterranean, it was feared Egypt would be isolated.

The presence of large British armies was certainly reassuring but many wondered whether Egypt might not suffer the fate of Abyssinia through slow exhaustion.

The Navy's answer has been to cut a patch through the Italian fleet for British shipping and to open the Mediterranean to convoys, many of which have already reached Alexandria safely with military and other supplies.

By the sinking of Italian submarines in the Red Sea, the Navy has also safeguarded the Cape route from England to Suez by which Egypt continues to get supplies of all kinds.

On the other hand, the Italian possessions of Libya and Abyssinia are semi-isolated.

Uncertain Battleground

As the battleground on which the coming conflict will be fought is still uncertain, the Anglo-Italian land war continues to be based on a harassing strategy with conservation of material as the prime consideration.

In this the British forces have scored heavily. Italy's empty successes in the Sudan, where overwhelming forces captured at some cost a few lightly held posts, have been glorified by Italian propaganda to hear-

ten the southern Italian army cut off in Abyssinia, as well as the civilian population at home.

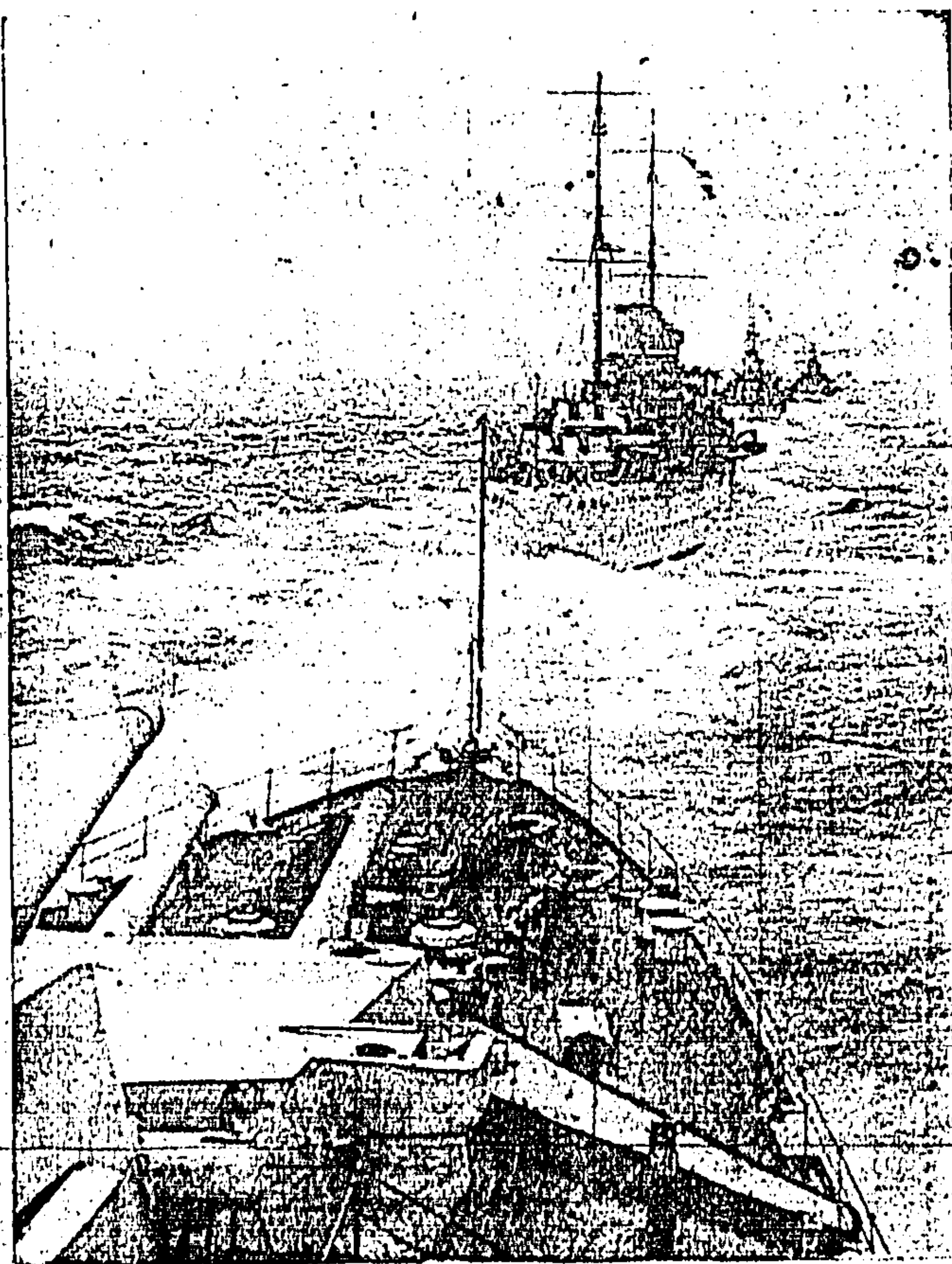
High Hopes

The people of Italy are undoubtedly nervous about the fate of the thousands of families transferred to Italy's possessions in Africa.

With Anglo-Egyptian friendship never closer than at present, the people of Egypt are now resigned to France's defeat and have high hopes of ultimate British victory.—Reuter.

EARLY REPORTS OF YESTERDAY'S RAIDS

An Air Ministry communique in London yesterday stated an enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel by a patrol of R.A.F. fighters at noon, and a second enemy fighter was shot down by our fighters off the south-east coast in the afternoon.—Reuter.



An impressive view of British Cruisers in line ahead. (Copyright, Fox).

GERMANY PUTTING THE SCREWS ON RUMANIA

LEAFLETS IN THE LAST WAR

Many people think that leaflet-dropping is an innovation of this war, but in fact it was a well tried propaganda method of the last.

An R. F. C. veteran, now an R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve Officer, attached to a Fighter Command Station in the North of England, has a copy of a pamphlet which was dropped on German troops as early as May, 1916.

It is an interesting four-page document. Its heading "Kriegsblatter" — "War News" is surmounted by the old Imperial German Eagle.

The purpose of the "Kriegsblatter" was to give the Germans the news they did not get. It quoted certain newspapers, which had reported the struggles of women outside grocers' shops. One extract from "Vorwärts" of May 17th, 1916, read as follows:—

"Four women of the working class, whose husbands are at the front, were waiting in the Dresden Market to get a small portion of potatoes, it having been notified that these were available. One of the women had six children to feed.

"There was a good deal of jostling and excitement, and the Supervisor gave one woman a box on the ear. Many of the women who had been waiting for hours had to return home without getting any potatoes.

"About 80 of the women went to the Town Hall to protest. Four of the leaders were arrested after a scuffle with the police; they all received sentences varying from two to seven weeks' imprisonment. They appealed, but their appeal was rejected with the comment that the sentences were very mild."

On the back page of the "Kriegsblatter" is reproduced a cartoon of a pre-war German newspaper. This is headed "Consolation for Hunger." It shows two men sitting at a table on which there is a pound of bread, and, before one of the men, a beer tankard. On the wall behind them are 22 photographs of crowned heads.

One of the men is saying to the other:—

"Yes, it is true, we are the richest people in the world. We support 22 Princes."

This pamphlet also quotes from letters received by prisoners of war in France from their relatives in Germany. One woman writing to her husband said:—

"People with money are relatively well off here, but nobody troubles about us. I waited half an hour outside the town hall. When it was nearly my turn, I became ill with exhaustion and had to give up."

The pamphlet also records what happened to opponents of the war in Germany in 1914—1918. It tells of Dr. Liebknecht, the Socialist member of the Reichstag, who was sent to prison for ten years for making an anti-war speech.

V.C.'S OF THE AIR
5 GROUP CAPTAIN G.S.M.
INSALL

A deed of great courage and tenacity won the Victoria Cross for Group Captain Gilbert Stuart Martin Insall.

Born in Paris in 1894, Insall was the son of a University professor. He was educated at the Anglo-Saxon School, Paris, and the Paris University.

In March, 1916, he went into training at Brooklands, having

THE GERMAN RADIO announces that the Rumanian Premier and Foreign Minister have been received by Hitler at Berchtesgaden.

In the opinion of diplomatic circles in Europe, Germany is to lay down the lines for the development of the greatest supply of things she wants, notably, Rumanian oil and wheat. She also wants the Rumanian army demobilised and put back to work.

Germany may attempt to dispose of Hungarian and Bulgarian claims on Rumania somehow, anyhow, but no one supposes that the German Government will be motivated by any desire for justice or the rights of small nations, but simply for Germany's own interests.—Reuter.

Berlin Statement

It was officially announced in Berlin yesterday that the conversations between Hitler and the Rumanian Ministers lasted two and a half hours, and "the tone reflected the friendly relations between Germany and Rumania."

The Rumanian Ministers afterwards left with Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, for Salzburg, whence they will travel to Italy. Ribbentrop was to see them off at the station.

In Budapest yesterday it was taken for granted that the outcome of the Salzburg talks will be that Ribbentrop will force the Rumanians to yield a strip of western Transylvania to Hungary, and it only remains to be decided how wide the strip shall be.

Two Instalments

The view expressed in semi-official and inspired Hungarian circles was that Hungary will not be content with a half solution and that Kolosvar (Cluj), the Transylvanian capital, must in any case be handed over.

Some observers think Hungary will receive her share in two instalments—the first in August, the second in September.

The attitude of Moscow continues to arouse the closest interest in Budapest.

Hungarian friendship for Germany is now being given full expression. The police are busy searching for the originators of anti-German leaflet propaganda and have instituted measures against an organisation which is believed to have been responsible for the material distributed.—Reuter.

The Communiqué

A Berlin communiqué yesterday stated: "In the presence of von Ribbentrop, the Fuehrer this afternoon received M. Gigurtu and M. Manollescu.

"M. Romano, Rumanian Minister in Berlin, and Fabricius, German Minister in Bucharest, were present at the conversation which proceeded in a spirit reflecting the friendly relations between Germany and Rumania." — Reuter.

Bucharest Not Ready To Surrender Territory

A semi-official statement issued in Bucharest yesterday stated: "The visit to Germany and Italy of the Rumanian Ministers demonstrates the desire of Rumania to contribute effectively to the common life of the Balkan and Danubian States and the maintenance of peace in south-east Europe."

"The Rumanian statement will make their contribution to the creation of the necessary arrangements in this sense without renouncing in any way the national patrimony."

"All suggestions giving the impression that Rumania is ready for renunciations are unfounded."

Pacific Policy

"Rumania is following a profoundly pacific policy and is confident her good relations with her neighbours and the great powers will improve.

"There is throughout the country a firm determination not to allow national interests to be assailed—a firm determination to defend these interests, if need be, even with arms."

"The Rumanian Government is fulfilling its pacific task with the support of the United public and army.—Reuter."

PRESIDENT DID NOT HEAR

President Roosevelt told newspapermen in Washington yesterday he had not heard of an appeal from the committee in the Netherlands that he should urge Britain and Germany to negotiate peace, nor had he any idea when the plan to send 3,000 planes a month to England would be put into operation.—Reuter.

HOLLAND'S FUTURE

ACCORDING TO THE HILVERSUM RADIO YESTERDAY, HERR SEISS-INQUART, NAZI GAULEITER OF HOLLAND, SPEAKING AT THE HAGUE LAST NIGHT, SAID DUTCHMEN WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE FREEDOM OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THAT POLITICS IN HOLLAND WERE THE AFFAIR OF DUTCHMEN.

He added that when great nations are engaged in struggle, neutrality might become only a formality, that could not be taken into account by Germany when a country was a refuge of emigres and might even become the instrument of a plot against the life of the Fuehrer.

Seiss-Inquart ended by warning people who might think of fishing in troubled waters and told his hearers Holland must co-operate in the reconstruction of Europe.—Reuter.

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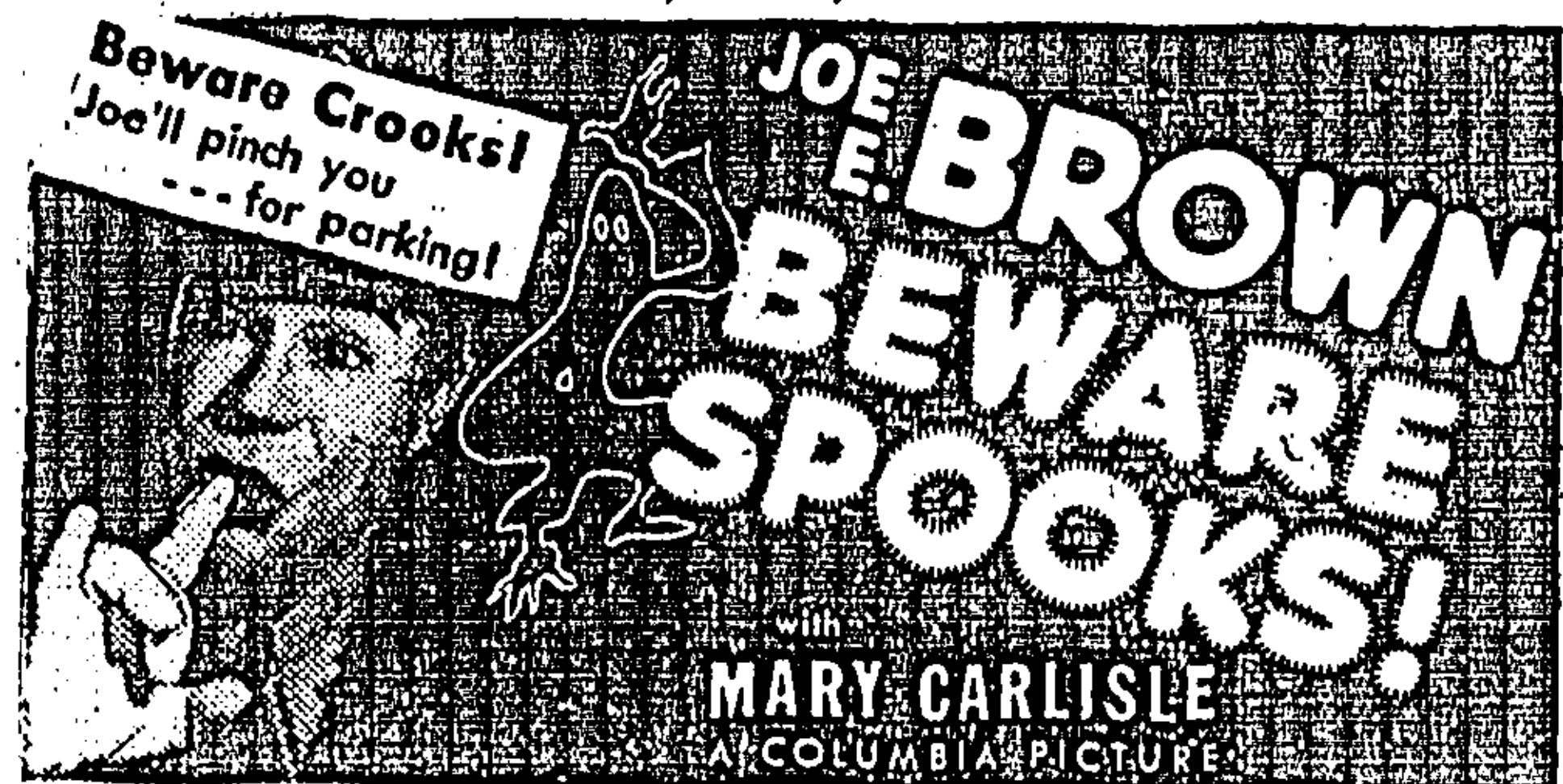
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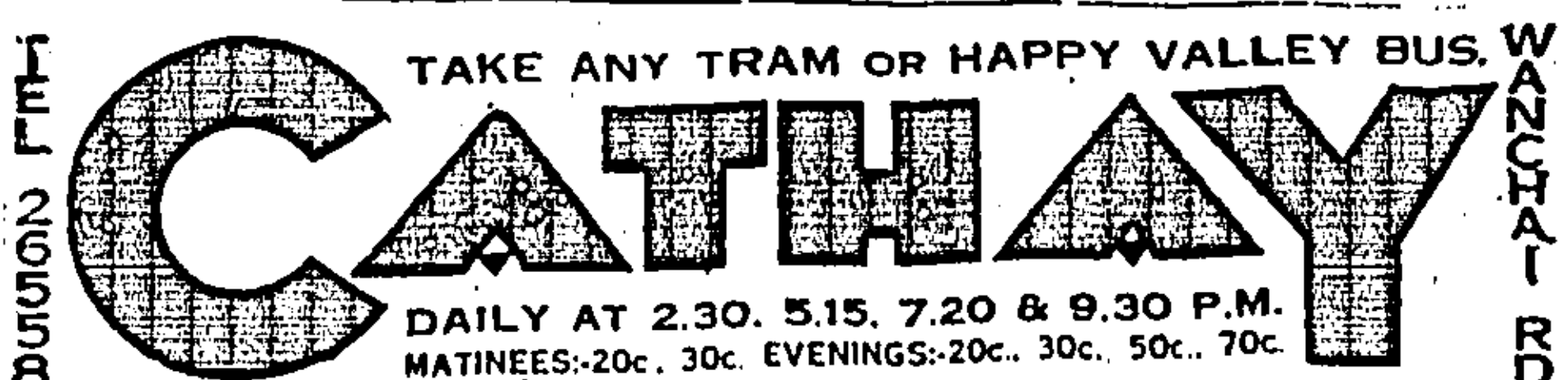


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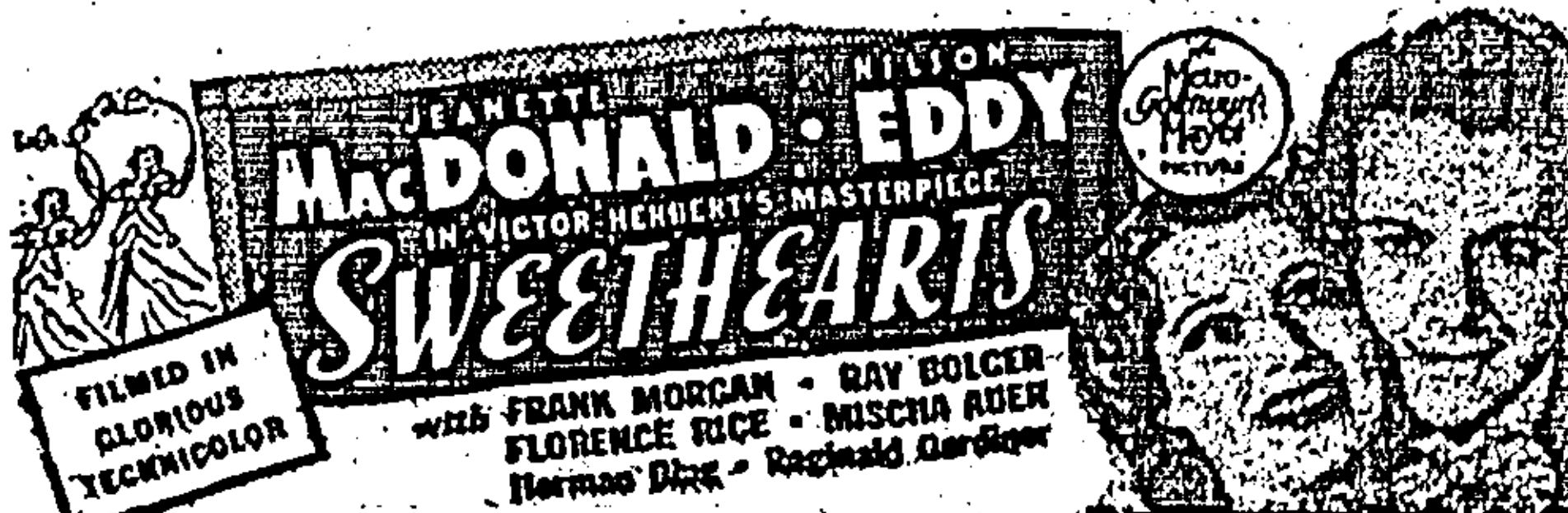


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EVACUATION OF BRITISH CHILDREN

President Outlines Administration's Policy

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT declared at his press conference in Washington yesterday that the United States has a deep desire to do everything possible to help remove children from England, and he might eventually ask for reasonable assurance that refugee children could obtain a safe passage to America.

First step involved providing perhaps 10,000 children with passports, and the next step would be to ascertain what the British Government would be able to do about sending the children to the United States or perhaps Canada in British vessels.

President Roosevelt added that a little later on the stage might be reached when the United States would ask for reasonable assurances that if American vessels went over to evacuate them there would be no torpedoing.

Asked to comment on the legislation pending before Congress to permit the use of American ships, the President said there were three sides to the problem.

Firstly, the attitude of the British Government.

Secondly, America's own deep desire to do everything she can.

Thirdly, the safety of the children.

President Roosevelt added the last named is the crux of the matter.

Big Responsibility

He explained that without reasonable assurance of a safe passage, it would be a big responsibility for ships flying the American flag to undertake the transport of children, and he alluded to the sinking of the Meknes.

When informed of reports circulating in Washington that owing to the British blockade activities, the United States might extend the combat zone from which American vessels are barred to the Spanish coast, President Roosevelt remarked this was about the last channel of communication left and would be kept open as long as possible. — Reuter.

Congress Decision

The foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives in

Washington yesterday unanimously approved the bill permitting the use of American vessels to carry European children from the war zones.

The bill provides that any vessel so used must have a safe conduct guaranteed by all the belligerents. — Reuter.

MEKNES SINKING: 383 MEN MISSING

The latest official list states that 383 men are missing from the torpedoed French liner Meknes. So far, the French press and radio has made no reference to this German outrage.

After first boasting of having sunk the ship, the Germans are now tumbling over themselves trying to blame Britain for not having notified Germany and received a Nazi assurance of safe convoy.

A French officer who has been rescued from the Meknes provides an adequate answer to these antics.

"The Germans," he said, "are dirty dogs!" — Reuter.

TOMMIES IN SHANGHAI INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Some British soldiers ran foul of a party of "puppet" police shortly after 8 p.m. last night in the western district of Shanghai.

The area was later cordoned off by the Japanese military. Details were not obtainable last night. — Our Own Correspondent.

CAIRO FRENCH TO FIGHT ON

After passing a resolution of determination to fight on at Britain's side, the French National Committee at Cairo has sent a telegram to General De Gaulle affirming its faith in an Allied victory.

The telegram continues: — "Since a great nation offers to pay with her blood for the liberation of France, we take this decision to aid this effort by all means in our power." — Reuter.

MERSA MATRUH RAIDED SIX TIMES

A Cairo communique yesterday said that Italian aircraft bombed Mersa Matruh six times but the only results were slight damage to a workshop and a fire in a small petrol dump. There were four casualties.

There was nothing new on other fronts. — Reuter.

MANNING THE FREE FRENCH NAVY

Steps are already well advanced for manning French warships which arrived in British ports before the signing of the Franco-German armistice, said an Admiralty announcement in London yesterday.

A number of French ships of varying sizes are now being manned and prepared for sea entirely by French officers and men of the free French naval forces, of which Admiral Muselier is head, having been appointed to this post by General de Gaulle some time ago.

One ship manned entirely by Frenchmen has already been at sea taking an active and successful part in operations.

In addition French ships which cannot be manned by the free French naval forces are being manned chiefly by British crews assisted by a nucleus of French ratings. These ships will fly both the tricolour and the White Ensign.

Other Allied naval forces are also helping to man French ships. French ships in the above categories will come under the general direction of the British Admiralty and it is hoped many will be at sea shortly carrying out operations in the common cause. — Reuter.



LAST 4 TIMES TO-DAY

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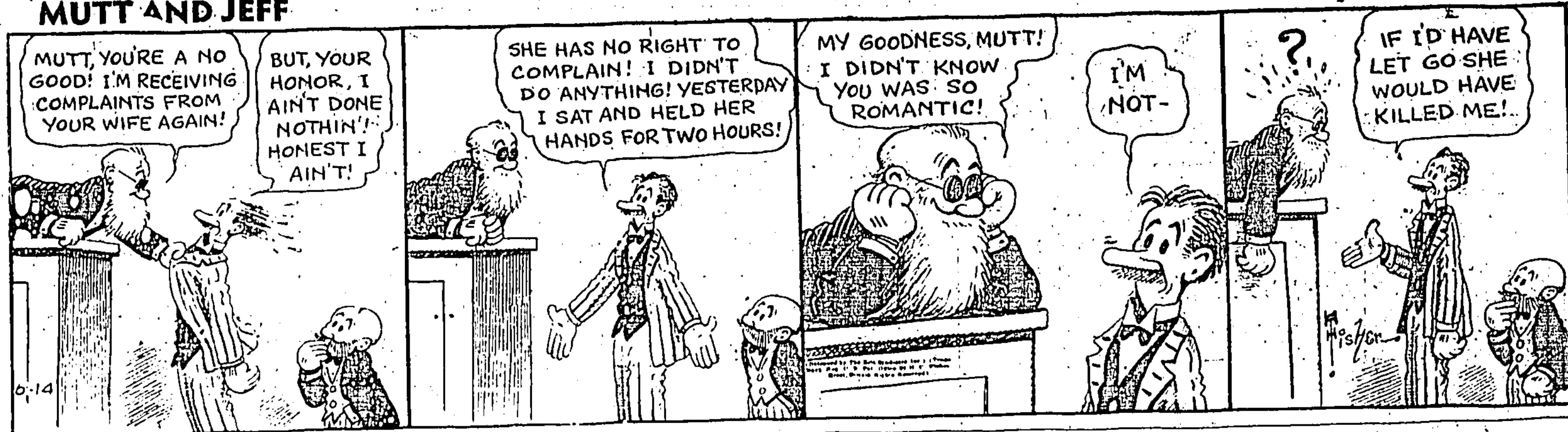


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TRULY
"EMPIRE"

Nearly every R.A.F. flying boat that goes on ocean patrol is an "Empire boat" in the fullest sense of the word.

Not only are the large aircraft themselves the military counterparts of the Empire flying boat of civil aviation, but a high percentage of their pilots and crews comes from the Dominions. In the Officers' Mess the accents vary from the Canadian drawl to the sharper pitch of New Zealand and back again to the deep tones of a Yorkshireman.

The captain of one flying boat wears the dark-blue uniform of the Royal Australian Air Force. His second pilot is a New Zealander. Englishmen, Scots and Welshmen, plus one other Australian, make up the crew.

In another flying boat the captain is an Englishman; he flies with Scots, Welsh and Canadians. Another Sunderland has a Canadian captain; his companions are Welsh and English.

One captain is from London—pure Cockney, he boasts. His second pilot is from New Zealand. His crew comes from the four corners of the British Isles.

The veteran of one Squadron is a South African. As his second pilot he has a young Yorkshireman from Doncaster. Another member of the crew—a fitter—comes of a prominent Yorkshire family—from whose grounds the young Doncaster officer says, he was often chased as a boy.

One English flying boat captain

BEFORE THE
EVACUATION DELUGE

WHAT IN THE form of economic prosperity in the Colony the evacuation put its elephantine foot into, is revealed in official statistics released yesterday of the Colony's trade in June.

The combined values of imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month totalled \$126.5 millions (£7.8 millions) as compared with \$109.9 millions (£6.7 millions) in June, 1939.

says mournfully "I'm a foreigner on board my boat." His crew is principally Welsh.

In another flying boat, all are English—except for one lone Scot. He is a minority—but is not oppressed!

At one time it was hoped to get all-English, all-Scots, Irish, Welsh or Canadian flying boats, but the reshuffling caused by expansion has made this impossible.

There are already all-Australian flying boats, and there will be plenty more all-Dominion boats when trained pilots and crews begin to flow to Britain from the Empire training scheme.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 15.1% in June, 1940 as compared with 1939; and by 16.4% in terms of sterling.

Imports totalled \$89.9 millions (£4.3 millions) as compared with \$59.3 millions (£3.6 millions) in June, 1939, and exports \$56.6 millions (£3.5 millions) as compared with \$50.6 millions (£3.1 millions).

Imports increased by 17.9% in terms of local currency, and by 19.4% in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise increased by 11.9% in terms of local currency, and by 12.9% in terms of sterling.

The figures were lower than in the three previous months, but were better than any period prior to that.

Combined values of imports and exports of merchandise during the first half year totalled \$764.4 millions (£46.1 millions) as compared with \$571.0 millions (£35.1 millions) in the first half year of 1939, and \$612.1 millions (£37.8 millions) in the first half year of 1938.

Imports amounted to \$419.6 millions (£25.9 millions) in the first six months of 1940 as compared with \$301.0 millions (£18.5 millions) in the first half year of 1939, and \$342.2 millions (£21.1 millions) in the first half year of 1938; whilst exports amounted to \$326.8 millions (£20.2 millions), \$270.0 millions (£16.6 millions) and \$269.9 millions (£16.7 millions) respectively.

In terms of Hong Kong currency imports increased by 39.4% in the first half year of 1940 as compared with 1939, and by 22.6% as compared with 1938; whilst exports increased by 21.0% in the first half year of 1940 as compared with 1939, and by 21.1% as compared with 1938.

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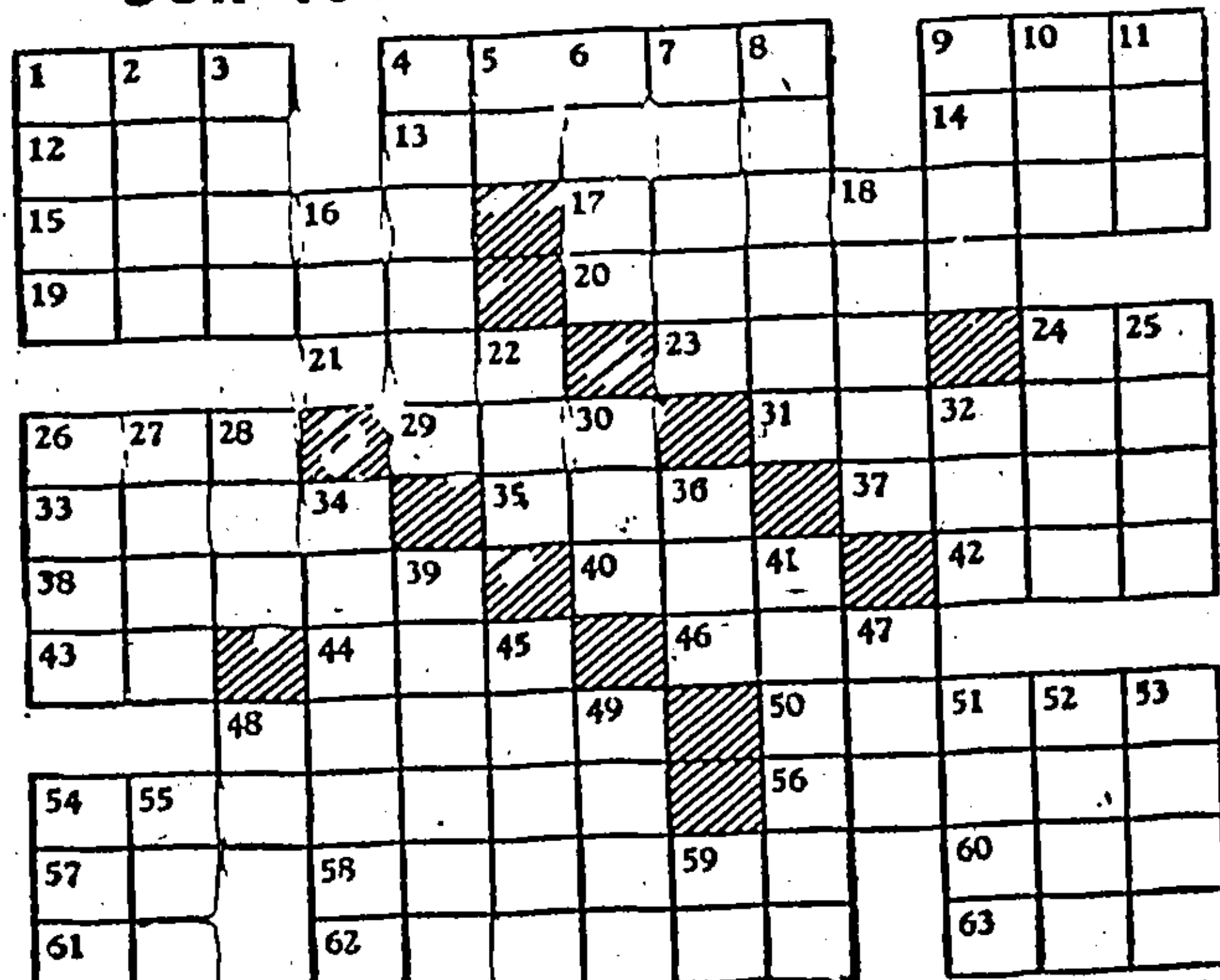
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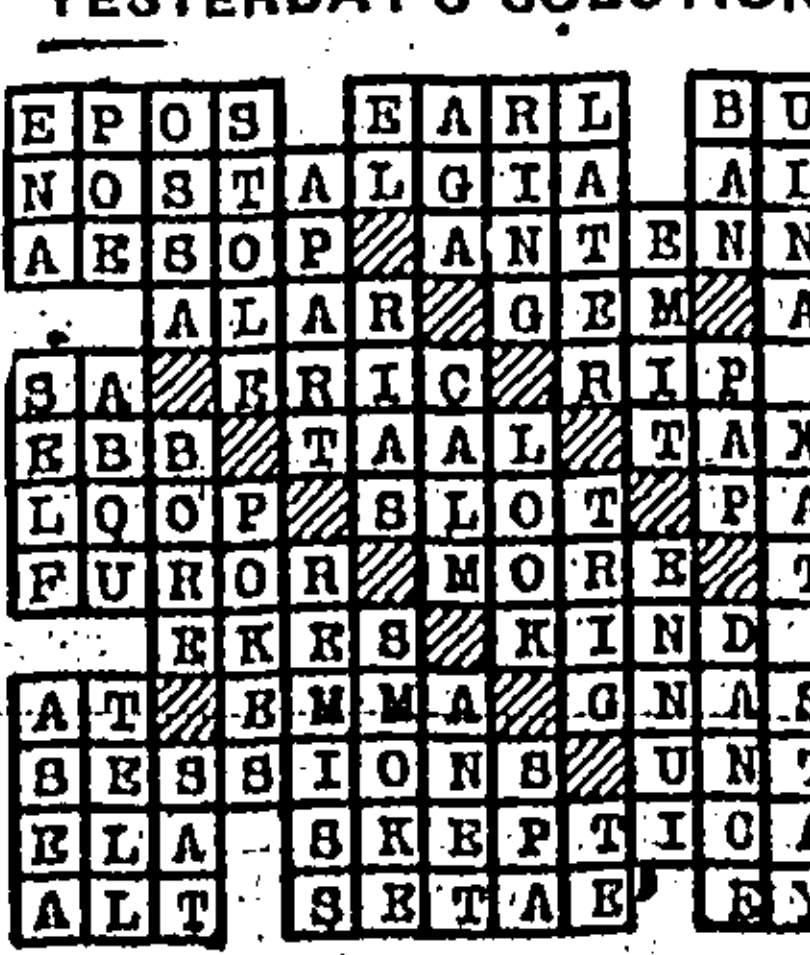
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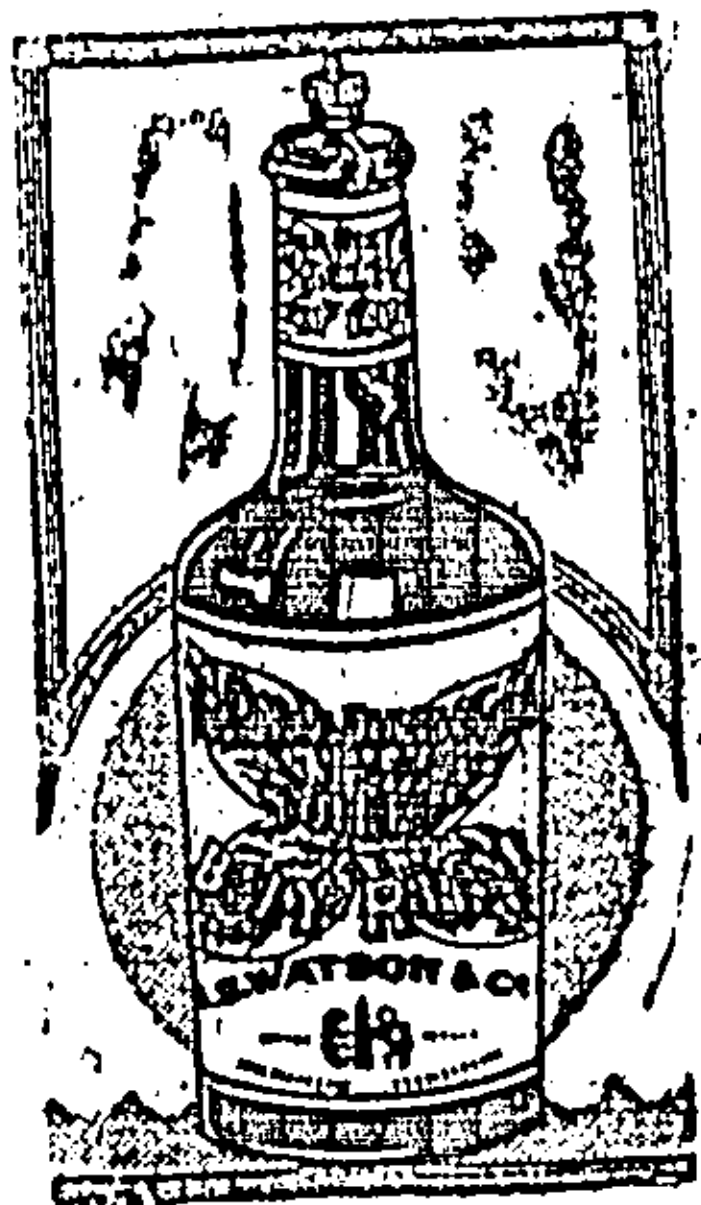
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BRITISH RAIDS ON THE GERMAN COAST

THOUGH THE British Empire is compelled by the course of events, for the time being at least, to assume a defensive attitude, it is encouraging to see the evidences of the offensive spirit, writes a military correspondent.

Hitler has talked glibly of invading Britain and Mr. Churchill has invited him to come on. I trust that the enterprises reported yesterday will help the public to understand that the challenge was no vain boast, because reliance on sea power inspired both the challenge and the raids.

CHEERFUL CHUNGKING CARRIES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is estimated in Chungking that the Japanese dropped an average of one hundred tons of bombs on Chungking during each of their recent air raids.

Business-minded residents recover scrap metal from the bombs dropped and sell them on the market at a good profit, or scrap iron fetches a high price on the local market. One enterprising farmer, who had to find twenty dollars to repair the damage done to his mud hut, collected one hundred catties of bomb splinters which he sold for one hundred and seventy dollars.

Meanwhile, a rough survey of the city shows that the Japanese must at least quadruple their bombing efforts of the last two years in order to achieve their professed aim of making Chungking uninhabitable. Reconstruction work is being continued at full speed throughout the city.

The recent days of cool weather have given considerable respite to the people, who appreciate this relief even more than the failure of Japanese planes to exploit the period of full moon for their bombings owing to heavy low-lying clouds.

Enquiries made in all sections of the population fully confirm the Generalissimo's assertion that the people are determined to carry on the war.—Havas.

FRANCE GUARANTEES WORK FOR ALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Vichy Government guarantees work to all Frenchmen who are unemployed, and who are being demobilized, it was announced. The programme provides for direct Government financing of reconstruction of factories producing railway materials, and of repairs to railways, and such factories as produce farming implements.—Havas.

I am certain that the incidents will give much satisfaction to a number of my correspondents who have written asking whether, if it is admitted that Hitler might land raiding parties in Britain, we should not take similar action. I am afraid they cannot claim that the raids were due to their suggestions, unless it is a case of telepathy. But I hope it will encourage them to realise that our leaders sometimes share their good ideas.

VULNERABLE COAST

We have not been told the objectives of the raids; obviously they must have been of a strictly limited nature. The fact, however, remains that they were successfully carried out, and if the Germans desire to prevent their repetition they will be bound to take precautions on a very extensive scale and of a wasteful character.

The length of vulnerable coastline is immense. To maintain guards along it would necessitate the employment of numbers equivalent to those of a large army. Continuous air patrols and extreme vigilance will be the only safeguard against surprise.

Weather conditions and darkness both reduce the value of patrols, and patrolling aircraft might at any time meet forces of superior strength. Extreme vigilance will be irksome and demoralising to the troops on guard. On our side it is certain that effective naval and air escorts and co-operation would be provided for raiding parties. To the naval escorts, at any rate, Germany can produce no answer.

WHITE ELEPHANT

The fact is that the possession of the huge coastline may prove for Germany somewhat of a white elephant; it has given us the opportunity of taking the initiative in a species of amphibian guerrilla operations. It will not be the only form of guerrilla warfare with which Germany will have to deal, but, fortunately, it is a form which Germany cannot counter by a policy of ruthlessness.

These amphibian enterprises are not, of course, the only sign that we retain the offensive spirit. The Navy and R.A.F. constantly give us proof of it. And in the East troops of Gen. Wavell's command are harassing the Italians constantly with effect in the western desert, from the Sudan and from Kenya.

It is refreshing to feel that our leaders as well as our troops retain the offensive spirit and can recognise opportunities, even if they are only of a limited kind.

THE "FIVE BOB" CAR

After eleven years of faithful service and Austin Seven has just been "sold" to a new owner for 5s. This happened in Birmingham and added a little hilarity to the war-time restricted motoring.

Apart from a little external battering and more than a little rust, the car was sound and ran well and, it is claimed, still contains pre-war air in the spare tyre. It had lain idle and in the open air for a couple of months and a casual bidder was rewarded for his impertinence by the remark that he could "take it away for five bob." He at once "invested" and drove the "horses" home (the licence had one more day to run.)

Such good luck must indeed be met with rarely, but an old car always raises the question of safety under modern traffic conditions. New cars of course, are as near as possible to perfection in roadholding, braking, and manoeuvring but an old car is not necessarily unsafe in these respects; a one-year-old car can be sadly at fault if ill-treated in its vital parts and neglected in others.

In this respect it is illuminating to read in a recent issue of "Autonews" of Los Angeles that the general belief that aged cars on the streets and highways are the most prolific cause of accidents, because of their poor condition, has been exploded by recent research by the Connecticut State Department of Motor Vehicles. The article referred to concludes: "Of 500,000 vehicles in use in the State last year, only 9 per cent. of accidents reported involved cars nine years old or older, although these cars represented 18 per cent. of all cars registered. The worst accident record was that of cars only one year old."

The car for five bob is a good argument, and while it is many years since one first heard of the "rattling" good car, in some cases it may be as "argument" well worth driving home if the family coffers won't run to a super-modern, or even just a second-hand. Old cars may be worth studying now that the new ones are so hard to get.

GERMAN BURGLARS WANT FOOD

A curious feature of life in Germany now is the unusually high rate of burglaries in the provision stores. The thieves show generally no interest in money, but go for butter, margarine, cheese and similar foodstuffs. Thus, at Frankfurt-on-Main, a provision store in the Schillerstrasse was raided and only foodstuffs were taken.

Again, at Frankfurt, in the Miquelstrasse, several private flats and houses were broken into from which only provision and clothing were stolen. Valuables were left untouched. Thieves are also plentiful at railway stations, where they steal fowls and foodstuffs from the peasants who come to town to sell them.



Wallace Beery in "The Man from Dakota," which has its last showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres today.

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PARALLELS

Although Great Britain is the island heart of a far-flung Empire and the United States is a vast continental area, there are many parallels in their world positions. Both depend upon seapower for defence, and have made no effort in times of peace to maintain armies comparable to those of other Great Powers. Unless Britain can hold sea supremacy her Empire can be destroyed. Unless the United States can do likewise, the Monroe Doctrine can be defied.

National policy in both English-speaking countries is directly dependent upon the support of public opinion, particularly in the case of positive measures to reduce the danger of war.

There has long been in Great Britain a powerful public support for a policy of political isolation towards Europe. Fifty years ago, when no European Power actively endangered British security, "Glorious Isolation" was the accepted policy of the British Government. But after 1900, when the growing menace of Imperial Germany began to loom across the North Sea, Britain was compelled to sacrifice more and more of her political isolation. Its basis of unchallenged national security against Europe had been destroyed.

The subsidence of the German menace in 1918 was followed by a resurgence of isolationist sentiment in Britain, sufficiently powerful to limit British commitments towards Europe within the League machinery and preclude, for twenty years, any definite guarantees towards Eastern Europe. It took the acute German menace in 1939 to impel her, at the eleventh hour, to give guarantees in Eastern Europe which, given earlier, might have insured peace.

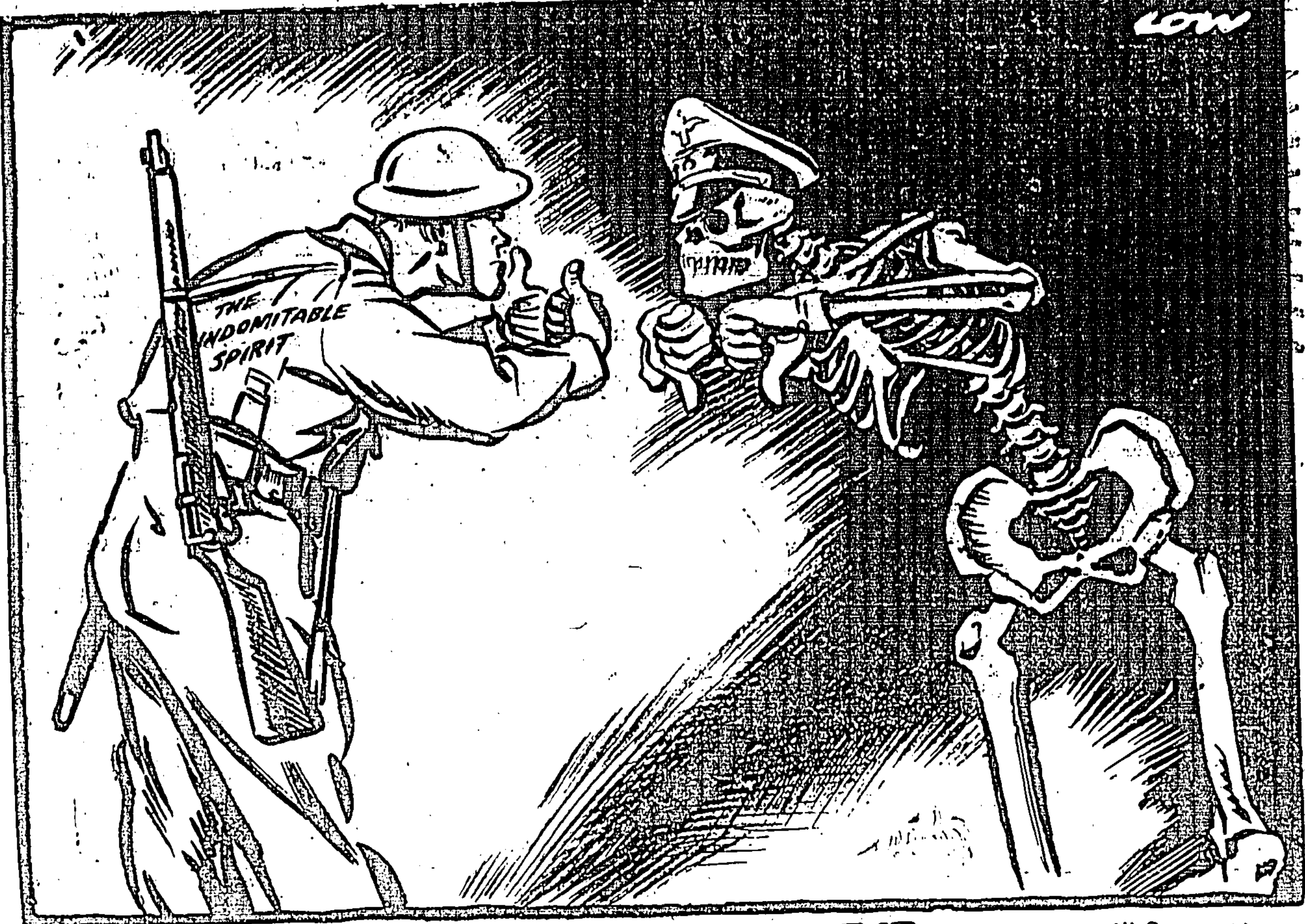
The United States, where political isolation from Europe has had far wider support and a far firmer foundation of national security, also relinquished this policy under menace during the World War. After the war, an extreme reaction followed, and under Harding and Coolidge America was far more isolationist than under McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, and Taft. Many observers believe that even the most negative kind of commitment towards Europe during the '20's, such as co-operation with the League to the extent of promising not to assist an aggressor, would have prevented the shape of things which led to the present war. But even during the growing danger of the '30's, no such step was taken, and the arms embargo, an encouragement to aggressors, was not lifted until after the war began.

Now, as in the case of Britain, isolation may prove untenable. When Mr. Hearst makes this prediction, it is not because he is pro-British.

Americans widely condemned the policy of Britain during the Hitler years. Do they see, however, that our own policy has been basically parallel and has produced two similar results? One of these has been the fading of foreign support, the other the prospect of having to take nine stitches because they did not take one.

Great Britain had fifty nations with her in seeking to stop the assault upon Ethiopia, but only France at her side when Poland was attacked. The United States had most of the world on her side and a public promise that Britain would "keep in step" after Japan invaded China in 1937. But U.S. shrank from a firm stand then, and now, if events force them to restrain Japanese aggression, no effective foreign support will be available.

Great Britain could also have stopped Germany with relative ease during the occupation of the Rhineland in 1936. But she preferred to hope that no forcible action would be required, and is now compelled to make a maximum national effort. American action has been parallel, towards both Japan and Germany. And now only an Allied victory seems likely to insure that this action will not, sooner or later, produce a similar result.



LOOKING IT IN THE EYE (Copyright in All Countries.)

Il Duce's Gamble

"War alone brings—all human energies to their highest tension and imprints a seal of nobility on the peoples who have the virtue to face it. . . . A doctrine which has its starting point at the prejudicial postulate of peace is 'extraneous to Fascism.'"

—Mussolini.

(Article on Fascism in the Encyclopedia Italiana.)

The veil is now abruptly lifted on the much-debated "non-belligerency" of Italy during the early period of the war. Mussolini has at length proved what many suspected—that his sham-neutrality of the past nine months was a mere strategic delay pour mieux sauter at the appropriate moment.

For a time it appeared plausible to interpret his inaction as evidence of a breach in the Axis, since he had clearly failed to implement the main operative clause in the Italo-German Treaty of Alliance of May 22, 1939.

The clause declared that "if it should happen that, against the wishes and hopes of the contracting parties, one of them becomes involved in war-like complications with another Power or with other Powers the other contracting party will come to its aid as an ally and will support it with all its military forces on land, on land, on sea and in the air."

DOUBT AND DELAY

Some colour was lent to the doubt by the circumstance that Hitler had apparently concluded his Russian pact without consulting his Axis partner as required by another clause in the Treaty. That would have been excuse enough, certainly, for keeping out of the conflict, if Mussolini had genuinely wanted one. Shortly after the Brenner meeting in March, however, Italian propaganda began to adopt a tone of extreme hostility and menace towards the Allies.

Whether or not as a result of that meeting, Mussolini had now evidently resolved to swallow the Russian pill and to throw in his lot with his Axis partner.

Whatever his reasons for not joining Hitler at the outset there is nothing in the subsequent attitude of the Allies towards Italy which could possibly have justified him in changing his mind. Any grievances arising out of the blockade were promptly rectified and an almost extravagant indulgence has been shown towards his activities as chief-smuggling agent for German contraband.

WHAT IS HIS MOTIVE?

There is but one conclusion—that he had already made up his mind in September and that he has ever since been merely awaiting the appointed hour to

throw off the mask. Not a shadow of doubt can exist that at the Brenner meeting Hitler disclosed to his fellow-conspirator his plans to attack Scandinavia, Holland and Belgium and secured his undertaking to join in the grand offensive.

What then is the motive that has drawn Mussolini into an unnatural alliance with a partner who, if victory is won, will not scruple to treat Italy as he has treated Czechoslovakia and Poland, Denmark and Norway, Belgium and Holland?

At first sight it might seem astonishing that a man of Mussolini's shrewdness cannot see that a victorious Hitler is not the man to share dominion with anybody or to stop at the Brenner frontier with the prize of Trieste only a few score miles beyond.

The explanation can be stated in a word. It is that the consuming ambition of Mussolini's life is to see himself strutting in the mantle of the Caesars, creating a new Roman empire, lordling it over the Mediterranean and spreading his sway over half

By J. C. Johnstone

Africa. The immediate obstacles to the realisation of this ambition are France and more especially Great Britain.

Mussolini calculates that the spoils to be snatched from the ruin of these two empires would provide an ample shareout for Hitler as well as himself without the necessity for a quarrel over the division. At any rate, he regards the quarrel as a secondary risk on which he is prepared to take his chance rather than that there should be no share-out at all.

AGREEING WITH BRITAIN

Outwardly the animosity which has now culminated in the first war in history between Italy and Great Britain dates from the Abyssinian war and the Sanctions episode. But it would be a mistake to imagine that Mussolini is actuated only, or even primarily, by a vendetta over Sanctions. Abyssinia and Sanctions were the symptom, not the cause, of an antagonism conjured up by Mussolini's own grandiose dreams. Even if we had offered no opposition to his Abyssinian aggression, it is extremely unlikely that our forbearance would have availed to avert the present conflict.

Nothing could have surpassed the patience and persistence of

the efforts made by Mr. Chamberlain to bury the Abyssinian hatchet. The goal of appeasement appeared at least to have been attained with the signing of the Anglo-Italian agreement of April 16, 1938.

The main purport of this agreement was a disclaimer, by both Powers "of any desire to modify, or, as far as they are concerned, to see modified the status quo as regards the national sovereignty of territory in the Mediterranean area," an undertaking by Great Britain to recognise the Abyssinian conquest, and a detailed settlement of all specific differences between the two countries.

MUSSOLINI'S POSE

Immediately after the signing of the agreement Mussolini declared in a telegram to Mr. Chamberlain that "to have settled in so full and frank a fashion, the questions outstanding between us places the relations between England and Italy on a solid and durable basis." He used precisely similar language six months later on the formal ratification, and again on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax to Rome in January, 1939, which by every appearance set the seal on the reconciliation between the two countries.

What since then has been done or left undone on our side to disturb the "solid and durable basis" of our relations? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Mussolini, on the other hand, has piled one contumely on another.

No sooner had the Abyssinian conquest been recognised and the agreement ratified than Mussolini provoked out of the blue an atmosphere of extreme acrimony against France with a whole series of vociferous but unspecified demands about Corsica, Nice, Savoy, Tunis, Suez, Jibuti and what not.

Moreover, in April, 1939, he occupied Albania in flagrant violation of his pledges about the status quo in the Mediterranean area. Even then Mr. Chamberlain did not despair. "I believe (he said in the House of Commons on the morrow of the Albanian aggression) there will be a widespread desire, all the greater because of the uneasiness that now prevails, to see the fulfilment of the remaining provisions of the Agreement and, naturally, in view of the recently events, it is to the Italian Government that I look for practical evidence that they share that desire."

BAREFACED HYPOCRISY

The "practical evidence" shown by the Italian Government was the conclusion with Hitler a

month later of the Treaty of Alliance—I have mentioned—a pact of mutual assistance in aggression which was clearly directed against ourselves and France, and the fruits of which have now begun to be harvested.

The simple truth is, all his friendly exchanges with Mr. Chamberlain and his professions about relations having been placed on a solid and durable base were a blatant and barefaced hypocrisy.

His real mind was spoken away back in May, 1919, in the Teatro Verdi at Fiume, at a time when he was still unknown even in his own country as anything more than a soap-box orator. "The first thing to be done (he exclaimed) is to banish foreigners from the Mediterranean, beginning with the English."

To encompass that banishment has been his secret but inflexible resolve since the day of his advent to power. Except for a premature exhibition of his true colours in his outrage against Corfu in 1923, the first dozen years of his regime were marked by an outward appearance of correctness and decency in his international relations. That was while he was steadily but unostentatiously building up the military strength of the country and awaiting the appearance of a diplomatic constellation favourable to his deep-laid schemes.

"THE GOAL OF FASCISM"

His first kick over the traces was in Abyssinia. Before the event the conquest of that country was represented as a necessary act of self-defence against an intolerably barbarous, aggressive and irresponsible neighbour. After the event it was a very different tune. "From the first day of its foundation," boasted Mussolini, "the goal of Fascism was the empire, and this has now been reached."

In Mussolini's mind Abyssinia is but the first small instalment of empire. The effusions of his scribes during the past three or four years, and especially during these last weeks, have made it abundantly plain that he regards himself as the predestined heir to the African empires and Mediterranean sea-power of France and Britain.

Mussolini has himself, of course, never avowed his purpose openly. But if the Allies were to be defeated in this war the same exultant refrain would recur as after Abyssinia: "From the first day of its foundation," he would be heard shouting to his assembled Blackshirts, "the goal of Fascism was the expulsion of the English from the Mediterranean, and this has now been reached!"



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M. le Marechal, — Through the ether from
across the sea a French soldier is speaking to you.
Yesterday I heard your voice, which I know well,
and not without emotion I listened to what you said
to the French in order to justify what you have done.

First of all you depicted the military inferiority which has caused our defeat. Then you said that in face of a situation considered desperate, you took power in order to obtain an honourable armistice from the enemies. You went on to declare that in face of the conditions laid down by the enemy there was no alternative but to accept them and stay at Bordeaux, or refuse them and withdraw into the Empire to continue the war, and that you believed if your duty to stay at Bordeaux. In fact you recognised that the fate of the French people would be a very cruel one, but you urged this people to rise again in spite of everything through work and discipline.

M. le Marechal, in these hours of shame and anger for la patrie, one voice must answer you. This evening that voice will be mine. True, our military inferiority has been revealed to be terrible. But what was the cause of this inferiority? It was brought about by a bad military system. France has been struck down, not by the number of German effective, not by their superior courage, but solely by the enemy's mechanised force with all its offensive power and manoeuvrability. All the combatants realised that.

WHOSE FAULT?

If France had not got this mechanised force, if she had been given a defensive army, an army of position, whose fault was it, M. le Marechal? You who presided over our military organisation after the war of 1914 to 1918, you who were generalissimo up to 1932, you who were Minister of War in 1935, you who were the highest military personality of our country; have you never supported, demanded, insisted on the indispensable reform of this rotten system? Yet, relying on the glorious services which you rendered during the last war, you have claimed the responsibility

FRANCE WILL RISE AGAIN

This was the result of a sort of profound discouragement, of a morbid scepticism, which may have counted for much in the dissolution of the final and supreme resistance of our metropolitan forces.

And it is in the same tone, M. le Marechal, that you asked the France which has been delivered up to the enemy, the France which has been pledged, the France which has been enslaved, to take up its work again, to recreate itself, to rise again. But in what sort of atmosphere, by what sort of means, in what name do you expect her to rise again beneath the German jackboot and the Italian dancing pumps?

Yes, France will rise again. She will rise again in liberty. She will rise again in victory. In the Empire, in the world, even here, French forces are forming and are organizing themselves. The day will come when our arms, forged again far away but well-tempered, will join with those which our Allies are forging, and perhaps others as well, and will return in triumph to our people's soil. Yes, we shall recreate France.



Dolores del Rio and John Howard who appear with Wallace Beery in "The Man from Dakota," showing for the last time at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres today.

REPRISALS SEEN IN HOLLAND

Dr. Arthur Seysz-Inquart, German governor of the Netherlands, has established Nazi courts for trying Dutch citizens accused of transgressing German interests.

The courts also will try Germans, former German citizens and Dutch colonial officials who were arrested at the Hague in reprisal for the alleged ill-treatment of Germans interned in the Netherlands Indies.

(The Netherlands legation at Washington said in an official statement that the German nationals interned in the Indies are receiving the same treatment as Europeans serving in the Indies' armed forces.)

A German spokesman in Amsterdam said that Nazi authorities "regret they will be obliged to act" in connection with the alleged mistreatment of Germans in the Indies. He added "East and West Indies authorities are responsible. They do not understand how Europeans in colonies must be treated and do not appreciate the good treatment of Dutch war prisoners by Germany."

He indicated Germany intended to inflict reprisals in Holland against persons well-known in the colonies if the treatment in question continued. Meanwhile Rost van Tonningen, a Dutch Nazi, was appointed to control political parties which have been charged by Seysz-Inquart with agitating against the Germans.—Associated Press.

CIVILIZATION MAKES MAN WEAK, JAPAN FINDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Health tests carried out by men between the ages of 15 and 25 throughout the Japanese Empire revealed that only 28 per cent met the apparently rather rigid standard set by the Welfare Ministry.

"This," the Tokyo "Chugai" commented, "shows that civilisation is making young men weak." The tests were submitted to by 2,700,000 men of all classes. Youths on farms made a much better showing than men in the cities, particularly in running the 2,000 metres and in carrying the 80 pound weight.—Havas.

FINN FASCIST PARTY ALLOWED TO OPERATE

The Finnish government withdrawn its objections against the Fatherland (Fascist) Party, permitting it to resume activities which were curtailed last year. The prosecutor who announced the lifting of the restrictions explained that the leaders of the party fought for Finland during the late war with Russia.—Associated Press.

BOMB TRAGEDY

Nineteen of the crew of the Loch steamer Giralda perished before the eyes of people who had gathered to give them aid. The Giralda was the victim of enemy bombers. Before she sank the crew manned the boat and set out for an island. A quarter of a mile from land their boat capsized. People who had crowded the shore to help them were powerless to assist and nineteen bodies were later washed on land.

CHINESE GENDARMES LEAVE TIENTSIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The detachment of Chinese gendarmes that was stationed in Tientsin during the year-long blockade of the foreign concessions, has returned to Peiping since the blockade has been lifted. The gendarmes belong to the Peite Preservation Administration of the North China Political Council.—Havas.

OPENS TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S



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MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary of State for War, in a broadcast address said that the time is approaching when the enemy, having overrun all the out-lying forts of liberty, will launch his assault on the main citadel—our own land. He had already delivered bombing attacks at night, and these attacks will be continued, and possibly other forms of attack will be attempted also.

"They will be repulsed," said Mr. Eden, "and we shall subject the enemy in his own country to constant and heavy counter-attack from the air. We are confident that the enemy will be beaten off."

Underlining the official advice to "stay where you are" in case of invasion, he said that "refugees on roads or railways hampering the efforts of those on whom you depend. They are the outward and visible signs that the enemy has succeeded in creating the conditions on which he counts for military success. The mass of refugees helped to lose the battle of France. They will not lose the battle of Britain."

A brave and disciplined civilian population is the essential foundation of home defence. But the enemy would soon learn that it is not the nature of our people to sit placidly and be bombed without retort.

LESSON OF DUNKIRK

"We have an exceedingly powerful Air Force," said Mr. Eden, "which will give the enemy a very bad time. Already, though operating at great disadvantage, it has inflicted severe losses upon him. It has never yet met the enemy without the numerical odds being in the enemy's favour. But remember what happened on the only occasion when it was operating from its own bases, and when the numerical odds were not utterly fantastic."

"During the evacuation from Dunkirk the R.A.F. are known to have destroyed as many as 70 German aircraft in one day. Our airmen can hope to do even better than this when fighting in their own skies."

"If some enemy aeroplanes get through, as they will, or if the sky above your head contains no British aircraft, do not ask angrily what the R.A.F. are doing. They will be bringing down enemy aeroplanes 100 miles away, preventing damage to those things by which and through which we and our defence will live—docks, factories, ships, or aerodromes. I cannot promise you that you will not be bombed; but I can and do promise you that the lot of the in-

FAMINE FACES EUROPE

Facts, which are indicative of the chaotic economic state of Europe as a result of the war were disclosed in an official statement in London yesterday by one who lived in Germany for some months before the start of hostilities.

He described how Germany, before the War, deliberately adopted the economic policy of guns rather than butter. This policy was leading Germany to the verge of starvation when war broke out.

The invasion of Poland aggravated the food position in Germany. The destruction of large areas of the country, followed by the deportation of thousands of Poles to Germany, and followed again by the transplanting of many thousands who had to make room for the Germans moved from the Baltic States, created a further area of chaos.

DETERIORATION SPEEDED UP

The remaining countries in Europe, in fear of German aggression, were compelled to mobilise and so in turn decrease their productive capacity. Thus we had a further gradual deterioration in the economic life of Europe. This process was enormously accelerated by the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

The Germans made no attempt to develop Denmark as a food reserve, but looted and plundered that country on a short-term basis. Denmark and Norway joined the devastated areas of Europe.

A month later that policy was extended, to Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and subsequently to France. Wherever they went the German army spread misery and destruction.

ITALY'S ENTRY

The entry of Italy into the war has obviously enlarged the starvation area, and to-day the whole of Central and Western Europe is faced with famine.

It is confidently predicted that very soon Dr. Goebbels will be seeking to prove that the economic disasters provoked by Germany were due to the blockade and Great Britain's stupid determination to pursue the war.

The aim of German propaganda is to distort the facts in such a way as to make it appear that Great Britain has wrought chaos on the Continent, and that the hope of Europe rests on the success of the very forces which have ravished the countries they have invaded.

SHANGHAI BOY MISSING

Friends of the late Mr. Webley C. Taylor, formerly of the Shanghai Power Company, will regret to hear that his eldest son Andre is reported as missing after the battle of Dunkirk. He held the rank of Second Lieutenant in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment. His brother is in the 6th Battalion of the same regiment. John, the other brother, has joined Barclay's Bank at Staines, Middlesex. Mrs. Marcelle Taylor has been appointed for duty at Staines Hospital. Her many friends in Shanghai will sympathize with her in her anxiety.

WOULD NOT HANDLE A GUN

Ian McDougall, Carmichael, son of a farmer of Killeen, Lisamore, in the Hebrides has been granted unconditional exemption by the Glasgow Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, after a three-day journey of 150 miles by road, boat and train, to appear before them. His father told the tribunal that Ian always interpreted the command "Thou shalt not kill" so literally that he would never kill stock on the farm or shoot crows. His father and brother were expert shooters but Ian would not handle a gun.

TIME FOR OFFENSIVE

We were now a fortress—until the time came to sally to the attack, Mr. Eden went on. It was not sufficient merely to defeat the attack on these islands. "Never before have we had a greater number of soldiers in this island. We are confident that we could throw a sufficient force against any enemy who attempts to land on our shores, attack him, and defeat him. If he is able to run the gauntlet of the Fleet and the Air Force, or descend upon our land from the air, we should be attacking the enemy on our own soil, for our own homes, with all our forces under our own command, unhampered by the necessity of sending supplies and reinforcements overseas."

"I can speak to you to-night in a spirit of tempered optimism. I know that we have to face hard and anxious times, but I also know that our strength and our spirit are sufficient for any trial. No battle can be won by standing on the defensive, or even by successful counter-attack alone. When the time comes, as assuredly it will, to carry the war against the enemy, wherever he may be found, you can be certain that we shall do so with all our might. Already, in other parts of the world, we are achieving success in offensive operations. It is this offensive spirit which so clearly animates our forces in the Middle East. It augurs well for the future."

ALLIED V ENEMY

In broadcasts to neutral countries the Germans continue to boost their Me.109 fighter as "the world's fastest," and "a German masterpiece." In fact it is well outclassed in speed, armament, and power of manoeuvre by comparable standard single-seat fighters of the Allies which have been in service for some time.

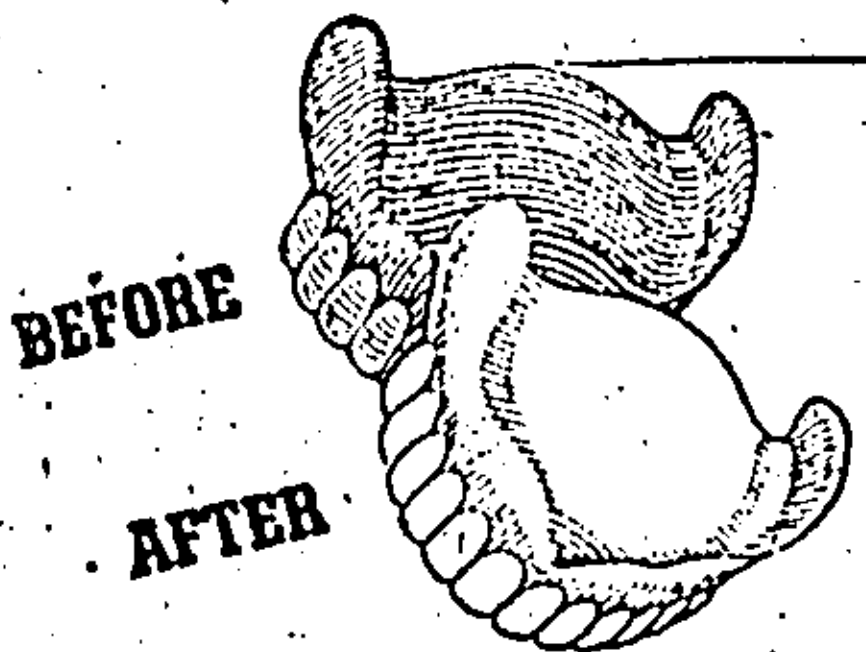
Despite its mediocre performance the German Me.109 has a bigger motor than either the British Spitfire or French Curtiss Hawk. The Spitfire gets its superior speed largely through superlative streamlining. The great asset of the comparatively low-powered Hawk is its easy handling. Both the Allied fighters have a greater wing span, but shorter fuselage, than the German type.

The following table illustrates some points of difference between the three types. The speed for the Me.109 is the maximum claimed by the Germans. The figures illustrate the point made by Sir Kingsley Wood when he said he would rather have a hundred British fighters than a much larger number of their German counterparts.

It is also noteworthy that whilst many German Me.109 fighters have been shot down in combat with British bombers, not a single British fighter has been lost in the fights in which they destroyed over 40 German bombers.

British	German	French
Spitfire II.	Me.109	Curtiss-Hawk
Engine 1050 h.p. R.R.	1150 h.p. D.B. 601	900 h.p. P. & W. Wasp.
Wing Span 32 ft. 6 ins.	32 ft. 6 ins.	37 ft. 3 ins.
Length 29 ft. 11 ins.	32 ft. 11 ins.	28 ft. 9 ins.
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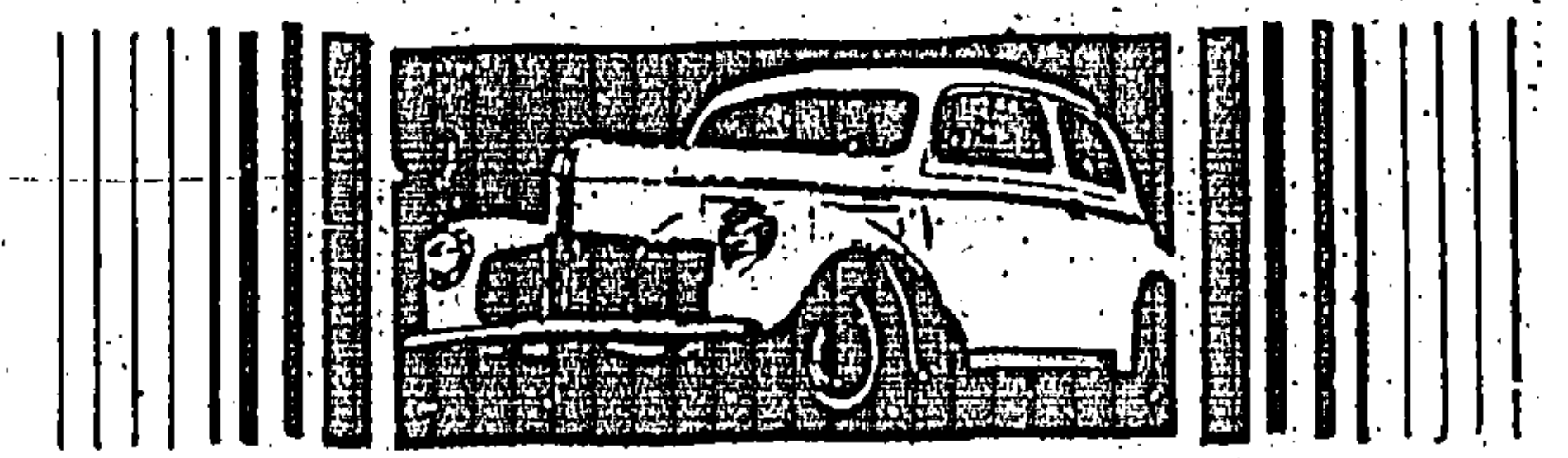
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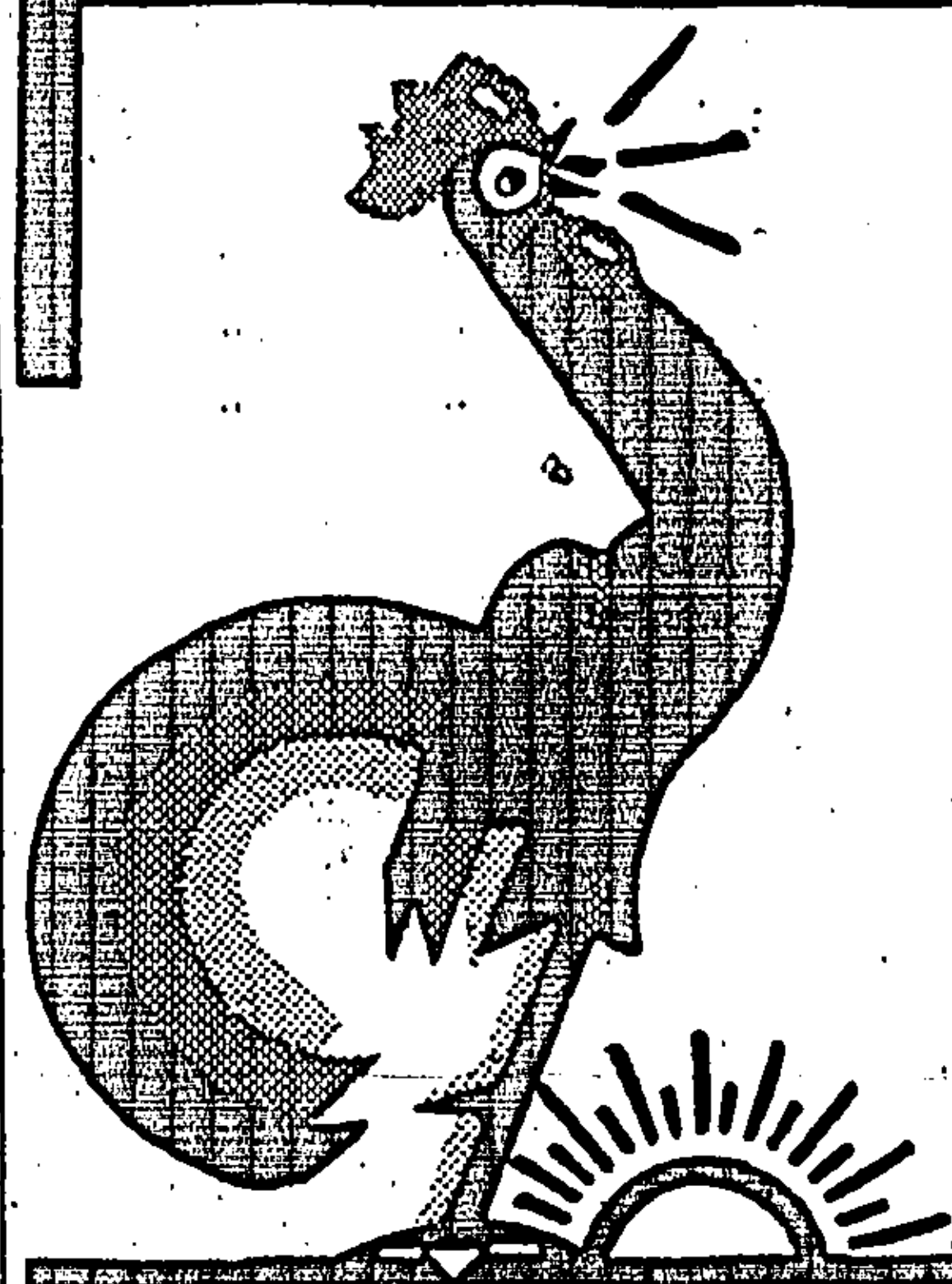


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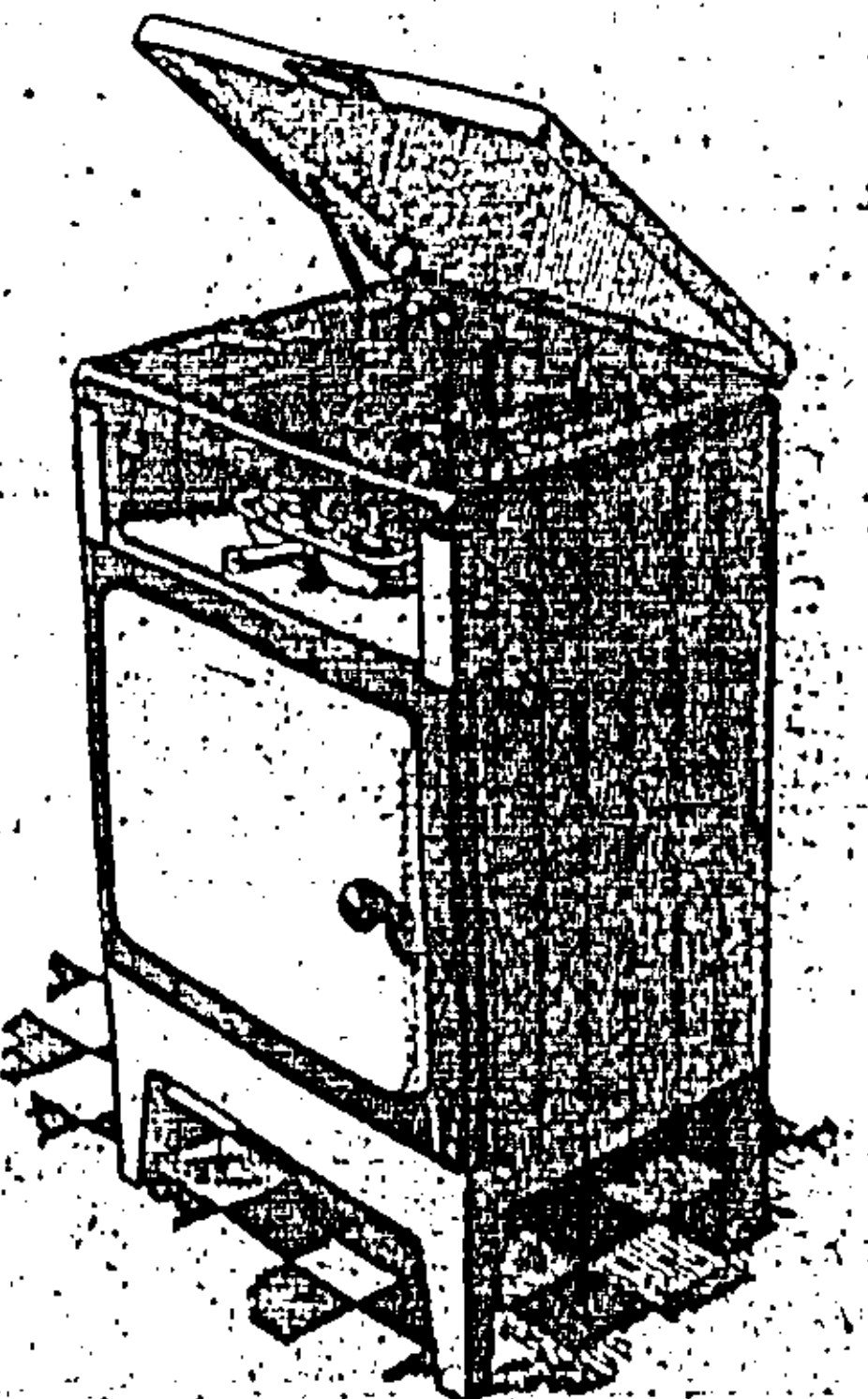
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 9	Kam Tsin	As per sale plan				21,700	100	871
2	" " 10	"	"				37,590	172	1,504
3	" " 11	"	"				138,920	630	5,337
4	" " 12	"	"				201,400	920	8,059



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WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

THE TRUMP SQUEEZE

"One thing about bad bidding," writes A. Cyril Daldy, of St. Louis, "is that it sometimes leads to an interesting play which might not have occurred in the proper contract. When I played the following hand in six clubs instead of six hearts, I inadvertently stumbled into a true trump squeeze."

North, Dealer. Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 10 6 5
♥ K J 5 3
♦ A 7
♣ J 10 4
♠ A 9 4
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 10 3 2
♣ 7 6 2
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W
E
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♠ Q J 8 3
♥ 2
♦ 9 2
♣ K 9 8 6
9 3
♠ 7
♥ A Q 10 6
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A K Q 8 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Ace of spades and the obvious shift to diamonds would then have defeated the contract. Fortunately for Mr. Daldy, however, West played another spade, which was taken by the King. South next played four rounds of trumps, discarding the small diamond from dummy, and followed this with four rounds of hearts.

On the last heart trick, which was taken in the dummy, East began to look very unhappy; and Mr. Daldy realized that if East held two more spades and the King of diamonds, he must be squeezed. If he ungarded the diamond King, Declarer could drop it with the Ace and return to his own hand by trumping a spade in order to cash the Queen. Actually he dropped another spade, whereupon Mr. Daldy established dummy's ten of spades by trumping the six; and returned to the board with the diamond Ace to cash it for the twelfth trick.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:



Gold-digging Gilda says rocks may be hard to scale, but she finds the guy who can throw them about certainly can add a wealth of fun to life.

14-Year-Old War Prisoner

The crew of the German 7,414-ton steamer La Coruna, which was scuttled when stopped by a British ship while bound from Rio de Janeiro to Hamburg with a cargo of wheat and nickel silver worth \$250,000, were landed. A 14-year-old cabin boy among the 91 prisoners told the British seamen that he was forced to go to sea.

♠ K 10 3
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	2♦	2♥	3♦
3♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. You have a better hand than was indicated by your single free raise, so should express these extra values by co-operating with your partner's try for game. Score 100% for four hearts, 30% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 473

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner. Both sides are vulnerable and you have 40 on score. You hold:

♠ A 10 9
♥ Q 8
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ Q 10 5 3

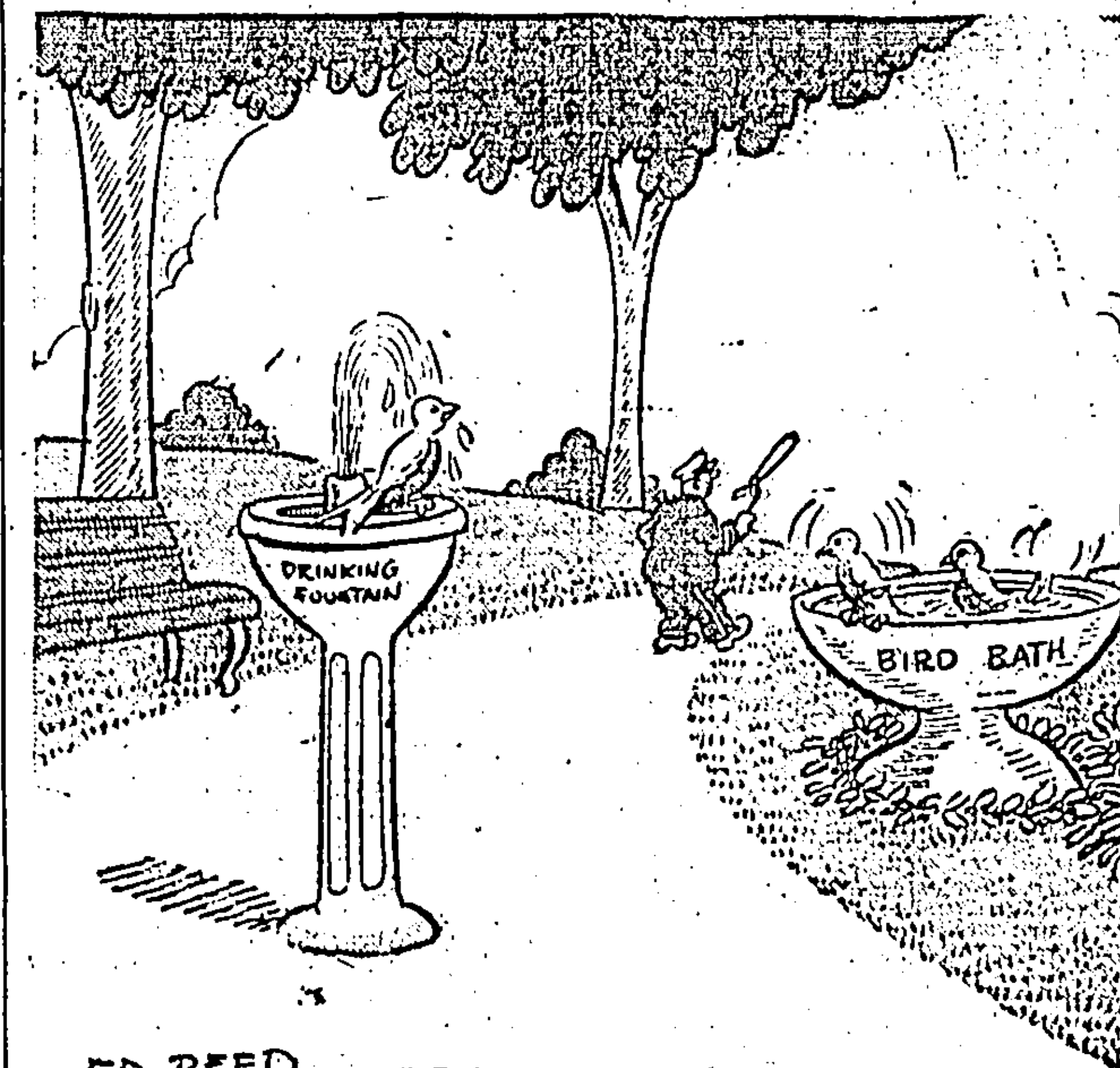
The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenken
1♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer on Monday.) (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



ED REED

"He never bathes with us—he says he prefers a shower."

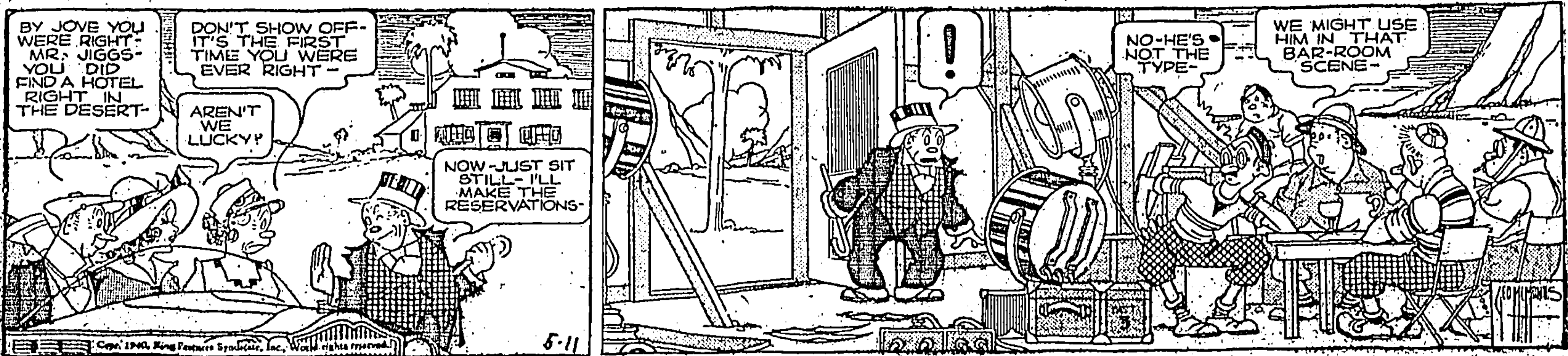
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Lovely Throat Line And Chin

It is best to begin in the twenties to preserve (through exercise) a firm, lovely throat and chin line. As years advance we are prone to slump in our posture pushing our head forward and permitting our chest to sink. Thus is formed the abhorred dowager's hump, double chin line and thickened neck. Every woman should try to avoid such a silhouette.

It is surprising though, how diligent exercising will correct an unlovely neck condition, if a woman has been indifferent to her posture, but she must exercise religiously. If young girls will exercise their neck and shoulders a couple of times a week, they will so firm the muscles that there will be little danger that aging contours will occur later.

EXERCISES REVITALIZE

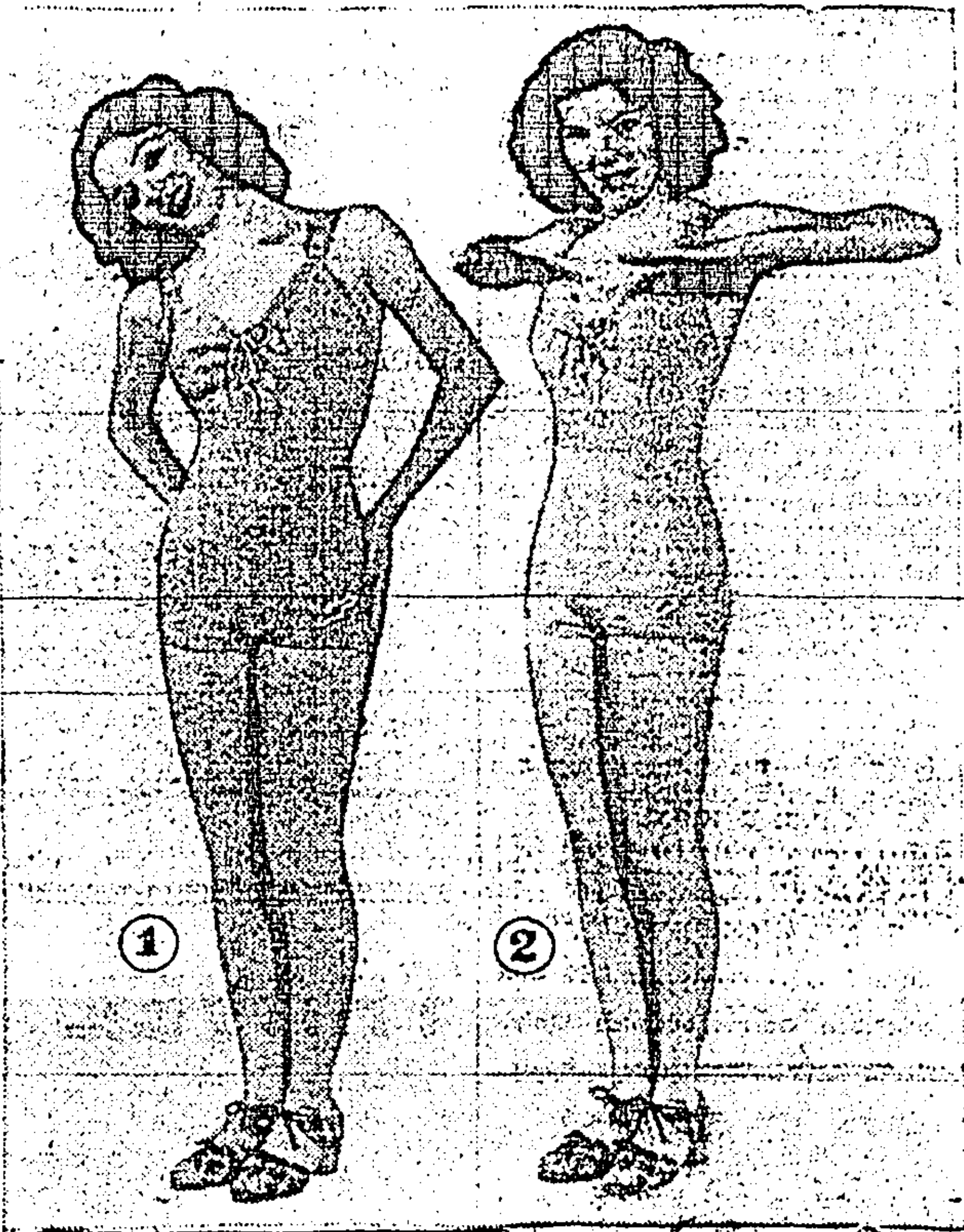
Neck and upper chest exercises are most pleasing for they quickly relieve the tension at the base of the head and give one a spurt of fresh energy. I know singers, writers, musicians, and housewives who frequently drop their work and go through the following simple routine, when they feel themselves getting "tied up in knots" from concentrating. All girls and all women may follow this routine to bring them greater beauty.

BEGIN NOW—PART I.

Stand erect near an opened window.

(2) Place your hands interlocked behind your head. The back of your head should rest against the palms.

(b) Now try to push the head backwards, resisting by pressure of the hands. Every muscle in the neck, hands, arms, and shoulders will be tensed. While doing this slowly inhale, and hold your



Shapely NANETTE FABARES illustrates a chin firming exercise described in to-day's column.

Splendid for firming neck muscles and filling in a hollow chest is this exercise which Nanette Fabares is doing.

breath when your lungs are filled. Keep up the resistance of the opposing forces as long as you can hold your breath.

(c) Then let your arms drop passively to the sides as you let your breath out slowly through slightly opened lips.

PART II.

Repeat (a) and (b) of Part I; This time, when you cannot hold your breath any longer, let it out of your nostrils at second intervals, as if you were about to sneeze.

Take a deep breath and pause after completing the exercise, and then repeat two or three times.

FOLLOW UP WITH THESE

Now place your palms firmly on your hips, fingers pointing toward your feet. Stretch your neck tall—that is, feel it growing longer as you raise your chin and stretch. Keeping it tall, bend it slowly to the right side, back to centre, slowly to left side. Keep eyes straight ahead. When a bit dizzy pause and then repeat.

Then, standing in erect position head held high, stretch your arms out wide sideways, elbows held high. Very slowly bend your forearm, keeping elbows back and high, and force your hands in to touch your chest. Stretch arms wide again. Repeat at least five times each day.

Feeling peppy now? I knew you would. Go through the routine again to-morrow!

Avoid Swollen Feet

No doctor can tell you why some persons' feet swell in certain climates, and others don't. But if you have ever suffered from cut insoles, blistered heels and burning soles you know the that your posture is definitely ruined!

As far as I can ascertain there is no correcting of such a foot ailment. One must endure it. And you had better march right downtown and get yourself a very comfortable pair of shoes which may be cut out for ventilation, providing enough remains to give your foot sturdy support. Get them a half size larger than what you usually wear, and at least one width wider.

A TREATMENT

Each night when you return home from a day's gadding, soak your feet in hot epsom salted water, and after drying, massage them well with a foot lotion which contains menthol. If your instep or heel has been cut or blistered you must treat them expertly with a germicide and pads. Other-

wise infection might set in and then you will have a pretty problem on your hands.

Some people find an arch support necessary but specialists say that no arch supporter is needed if your shoe feels well. Correct shoes are built to support the arch.

Certain medicated talcs keep the foot cool far into the day if applied before you put on your hose. Persons who suffer from burning feet cannot go without stockings. In fact, men and women, who stand on their feet many hours during the day in hot weather, will find that white woollen socks are a great comfort. White because the dye in other socks may be sweated out and get into a splitting of the skin. That naturally, is likely to cause infection.

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1.15 p.m.—Jack Harris & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Vocal Duets—A More or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill); Tricky Little Tune (McGill)....Major and Minor with Orchestra.
Vocal—Summer Breezes (King); Daddy Long Legs (Wright)....The Bohemians.
Comedy Sketch—Sandy The Detective....Sandy Powell and Company.
Vocal—They're Always Together (Phillips & Others); The Vegetable Blues (Crumit & Klein)....Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Elgar—Symphony No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 55. The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.
6.52 p.m.—Songs by Herbert Elsdell (Tenor).
Fill A Glass With Golden Wine (Henry & Quilter); Come, Sing To Me (Thompson); Sing Me To Sleep (Bingham & Greene).
7.00 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer, Tino Rossi and the Orchestra Raymonde.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Lohar.
"The Land of Smiles"—Patently Smiling; You Are My Heart's Delight....Albert Sandler & His Orch.
Look and Love (film "Love's Melody"); Love's Melody (from the film)....Marta Eggerth (Soprano) with Orchestra.
My Lips Are Made For Kissing ("Giuditta"); Stay With Me For Ever ("Giuditta")....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
"The Blue Mazurka"—Vocal Gems....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
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8.32 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.
8.40 p.m.—London Relay—London Log.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—Variety Request Programme.
12.00 midnight—Close down.

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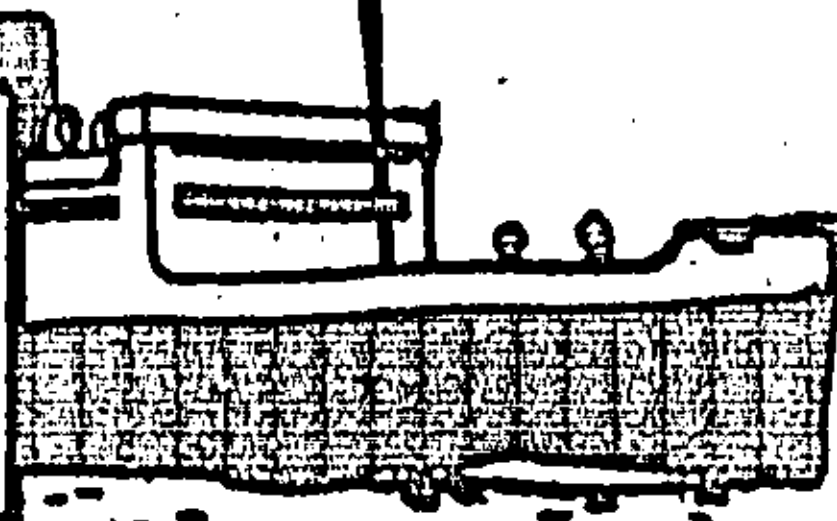
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Mindanao To Meet Brewers In What Should Be The "Battle Of The Century"

SAPPERS AND SOUTH CHINA TO FIGHT FOR CELLAR POSITION

By "Grandstand"

WITH THE Mindanao-Hongkong Brewery tussle to-morrow top-notching a full programme for the week-end, baseball bugs are again promised some real entertainment at Caroline Hill.

This afternoon South China cross bats with Royal Engineers in a return encounter which should be worth watching. It will be recalled that two weeks ago Nam Hwa humbled the Sappers, 17-11, after a six-run rally in the last frame.

The Fortress R.E.'s will be out this afternoon, not only to avenge a defeat in the hands of the Wongmen, but to fight out a tie for the cellar position. This will be the last game for Sappers this season and if they lose to Nam Hwa the wooden spoon will be theirs but if the Sappers snatch a victory and South China drop their next two tilts the two teams will be tied for the cellar position.

If George Denyer's pitching arm is right, and he receives the support he received from his fielders last week, I won't be a bit surprised if the Sappers turn the tables on the Nam Hwas. On the other hand South China have made a vast improvement since Grandpop took over the coaching job and I am afraid the Engineers will be up against it.

The two teams are of the same calibre and it's going to be anybody's ball game.

The probable line-up:
SOUTH CHINA ROYAL ENGINEERS
Lau Poy-lu P G. Denyer
Law or Chin C Fox
Ha Wai-pun 1b Shaw
C. W. Wong 2b Welford
Ng Chung-wah 3b Ings
Ip Yek-ching 3b Foley
I. C. Wong cf Taylor
C. Winglee lf Heath
N. Ma rf Wells
Umpires: Wilson, Nip Lum and C. Figueiredo.

To-morrow's Games

In the first game to-morrow, with Doc. Molthen, Grandpop Leung and Charlie Figueiredo officiating, U.S.S. Mindanao clash with Hong Kong Brewery.

This is going to be the "battle of the century" and may prove to be the deciding game for the pennant and the Bagram trophy. If Mindanao win, the championship is decided, but if the Brewers are victorious a play-off will be necessary.

The Chasemen, behind the pitching of Ski Powlowski, will be a determined lot and will seek to avert this play-off, and I understand that Poochie Chase has ordered his gang to have a good night's rest and no liquid refreshments till the game is over! This game means a whole lot for both teams and a hard-fought battle is anticipated.

This is the first time that chucker Ski Powlowski will face the H.B. power houses and fans are anxiously waiting to see what the Brewer wandsmen will do to Ski's benders. The Winglemen have done a lot of batting practice lately in anticipation of giving Ski the works to-morrow. Madeen Arculli will oppose Ski on the mound and if his steady pitching receives the usual good support from his teammates, he may carry the Brewers to another victory.

The Chasemen have been hitting the pellet consistently the last few weeks and Madeen will have to be at his best to hold the blue-jackets down. Personally I favour the Mindanaoans to down the Brewers in a close encounter but it's hard telling till the last man is 'out' in the last stanza.

THE LINE-UP
MINDANAO H.K. BREWERY
Powlowski P M. Arculli
Masavaga C H. Winglee
Douglas 1b T. Leonard
Chase 2b O. Arculli
Tedd 3b D. Leonard
Bulnick 3b G. Souza
Wilkin lf H. Ali
Ruel cf S. Leonard
Padgett rf Z. Gossard

Hong Kong Skipping

In the second game South China will meet Hong Kong Baseball Club with Tony Masavaga, Ba-

drick and H. Winglee as umpires. If Nam Hwa are not too tired after their game with Royal Engineers to-day, I won't be a bit surprised if they take the Molthenmen to town in a two figure score. The Hongkongites have been slipping lately and their spirit seems to have gone with the wind. Doc. Molthen is not sure what kind of a line-up he will have out there to-morrow but he hopes to have nine men on the field to meet South China. If Johnny Alvarez is able to turn out Doc. will start him on the mound, with Charlie Figueiredo behind the bat. The rest of the line-up will depend on who's turning out.

South China will field their usual team with Lau pitching, Chin or Law catching. Ha first base, C. W. Wong second base, Ng third base, and Ip shortstop. Outfielders will be: I. C. Wong, C. Winglee and Nelson Ma.

After the League games U.S.S. Asheville will have a friendly game with Portugal, who are shaping up a team in preparation for the international series, which is to start after the League campaign.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MEETING

SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE SEASON

The appointment of the various sub-committees for the ensuing year was the main business of the first meeting of the Council of the Football Association held yesterday.

In the course of the meeting a letter was read from the Army inquiring if there would be a refund of entrance fees if the League was abandoned.

The Council decided that if no League matches were played the money would be refunded. A proposal from military teams in the Second and Third divisions, that they be represented on the Council other than by the Secretary of the Area Sports Board, was not approved. However, the Council gave them leave to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council to decide the question on the requisition of six clubs.

AFFILIATION APPROVED

Applications for affiliation to the Association from the 20th R.A., the 35th R.A., the 36th R.A., the Shell House Football Club and the Amateur Sporting Association were all approved. The application of the Tsim Sha Tsui S.A. was left for the consideration of the League Management Committee.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Treasurers at a remuneration of \$75 per month.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

Appeals Board: The President and Vice-Presidents.

Referees' Sub-Committee: R. M. Omar, T. G. Stokes and J. McKelvie.

Emergency Sub-Committee: W. E. Hollands, Lt. Cooper and Capt. W. Peel.

Grounds Sub-Committee: C. Gulmigan (Chairman), L. Hopkins and Philip Lee.

Hon. Secretary: C. A. Goldenberg.

League Management Committee: T. G. Stokes, R. M. Omar, J. MacKellvie, W. E. Hollands, Lt. Cooper, Capt. Peel and C. Gulmigan.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION			
Indian R.C.	(51)	v	Recreio "A" (77)
Craigengower	(65)	v	Kowloon C.C. (63)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(60)	v	Civil Service (66)
Police R.C.	(59)	v	Recreio "B" (76)
Kowloon Docks	(72)	v	Hong Kong F. C. (66)
SECOND DIVISION			
Kowloon F.C.	(46)	v	Craigengower (71)
Taikoo R.C.	(60)	v	Kowloon B.G.C. (64)
Kowloon Tong	(57)	v	Police R.C. (53)
Recreio	(70)	v	Civil Service (48)
Hong Kong C.C.	(46)	v	Kowloon C.C. (78)
THIRD DIVISION			
Prison O.C.	(—)	v	Kowloon F.C. (—)
Hong Kong C.C.	(—)	v	Craigengower (—)
H.K. Football Club	(49)	v	Indian R.C. (61)
H.K. Electric	(—)	v	Kowloon B.G.C. (—)

Figures in brackets denote the result of the first game this season.

Vital Matches In Second Division

By "Skip"

TO-DAY'S LAWN BOWLS programme is what I would call an average one, with very few "needle" matches down for decision. This applies especially to First Division and for that reason I will comment on the games in the order in which they appear above.

Club de Recreio "A" go over to Sookunpoo and I have no hesitation in saying that they will collect the points, whilst the game at Craigengower, where Kowloon Cricket Club are the visitors, should also prove one-sided, so much so that I gave Craigengower as the best tip for the H.K.L.B.A. Sweep, in last week's "Sunday Herald." The visitors have made some changes which do not appear to me to have strengthened the team, though I hear that the Cox's Road men are full of confidence.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, at home to the Civil Servants, will be expected to secure their revenge for a narrow defeat earlier in the season: Tommy Armstrong is not available for the home team, and I understand his place is to be taken by R. P. Phillips.

Although two rinks remain the same, Police have had a reshuffle in the other one for their home match against Club de Recreio "B." Ted Post is to skip with Carey as his third man, whilst Perkins goes from that position to lead. I think the changes will improve the team's chances of winning.

One of the closest games should be at Hung Hom where Hong Kong Kowloon Football Club provide the opposition. The visitors have shown improved form of late but I do not think they will collect the valuable points.

Second Division

In Second Division there are a couple of vital matches as the four leading teams are involved, Kowloon Bowling Green Club visiting Taikoo and Kowloon Football Club being hosts to Craigengower. The Footballers are a couple of points to the good over today's opponents and have a match in hand so with the ground advantage thrown in, I feel sure they will win.

Taikoo, also at home, will have a tighter struggle against Kowloon Bowling Green Club and though I must tip them to win, I should not be at all surprised if I am wrong. Ted Seale has undergone an operation but I have not at the time of writing heard who is to take his place in Lockhart's rink. Both Kowloon Tong and Police have made some changes for their game at Water-

loo Road and though I think that the former is weakened to the same extent as their opponents are strengthened, the home team should win, though not as comfortably as my tip last Sunday indicated.

Club de Recreio should be able to overcome the Civil Servants quite easily but I must indicate a win for the Mainlanders in the game between the two Cricketing Clubs.

Third Division

I should be greatly surprised if Prison Officers do not beat Kowloon Football Club by at least a dozen shots whilst Hong Kong Cricket Club may be able to win by rather less against Craigengower. The real battle in this division will be at Ming Yuen where Kowloon Bowling Green Club provide the opposition. Here again form says the home team, whilst my inclination is to forecast the opposite. Hong Kong Football Club should be able to hold the Indians though there should not be much in at the finish.

ARMY TENNIS

There was only one tennis match in First Division of the Army League played at Sookunpoo yesterday, when the Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat the Royal Army Pay Corps by 7 sets to 2. The following are the detail scores.

Adlam and Murray (R.A.P.C.)

lost to Emberson and Duf-

field 1-6

beat Boocock and Bridges 6-4

beat Gardner and Stone 6-2

Pinkney and Gardner (R.A.P.C.)

lost to Emberson and Duf-

field 0-6

lost to Boocock and Bridges 3-6

lost to Gardner and Stone 2-6

Norrall and Ingloby (R.A.P.C.)

lost to Emberson and Duf-

field 0-6

lost to Boocock and Bridges 0-6

lost to Gardner and Stone 0-6

CHINESE BASKETBALL

By "Sportshawk"

Two matches in "B" Division of the All-Chinese Colony Basketball League were played before a fairly large crowd last night at Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A.

After a very close and keen contest, Lee Hang Club beat Kong Yuen Club by the odd point in 103. The winners were leading at the end of the first half by 26 points to 23.

They were best served by their guard, Yue Kam-sang, whose steady defence was worthy of mention, while his powerful and accurate shooting earned nine field goals (18 points) for his side. Chan Hau-yuen and Chan Chau-kwai, both playing in the attack, also registered six and five field goals respectively.

For the losers, Sum Ping-kuen, Chau Fook-han, both in attack, and Kui Wing-fook, in defence, were very sound and played a good game, each registering five field goals.

LEE HANG CLUB

	Goals	Foul	No. of
			Fouls
Chan Hau-yuen	6	1	3
Sze-to Yung	2	0	2
Chan Chau-kwai	5	3	4
Yue Kam-sang	9	1	3
Leung Kai-yuen	1	1	2
Total Points	23		52

KONG YUEN CLUB

	Goals	Foul	No. of
			Fouls
Sum Ping-kuen	5	2	2
Sik Chau-chun	4	1	1
Chau Fook-han	5	6	1
Chow Kam-yung	1	0	4
Tim Ping-ko	1	0	1
Kui Wing-fook	5	0	5
Total Points	23		51

Students Too Good

Pui Ying College students proved too good for their opponents, Tsim Lee Club winning convincingly by 66 points to 29, after leading by 23-4 at the interval.

Despite their youth, the students were much superior both individually and as a team.

The winners of the contest have yet kept their unbeaten record and were in the position to secure the honour of being the Champion in this Division.

All their players on view last evening shot well and displayed useful tactics in attack and defence.

The losers were well served by only two guards, Sik Tsim-fong and Chan Tak-poo, and one guard, Fook Chi-wing. They netted three, two and five field goals, respectively, for their side.

PUI YING COLLEGE

	Goals	Foul	No. of
			Fouls
Lee Hon-nim	6	3	0
Wong Chong-yung	2	0	0
Luk Chi-han	3	0	1
Chau Cho-hee	6	0	1
Luk Tak-wing	1	0	0
Yau To-shul	6	1	2
Chan Kuan-hao	7	0	1
Total Points	33		66

TSIM LEE CLUB

	Goals	Foul	No. of
			Fouls
Tsang Kam-cheung	1	0	2
Sik Tsim-fong	3	1	0
Chan Tak-poo	2	1	0
Sze Mei-hau	0	1	0
Fong Chi-wing	5	0	1
Yuen Shears	2	0	3
Total Points	13		29

BOWLS TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to play League bowls to-day:

K.F.C.
Second Division (v. C.C.C., Home): J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Youngusband (Skip); W. Groves, R. Hughes, C. Downman and W. Simpson (Skip); A. Lapaley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. Field (Skip).

Third Division (v. P.O.C., Away): C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller and B. Evans (Skip); B. Thomson, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (Skip); G. Froh, W. Seraphina, J. Henson and J. Smith (Skip).

K.C.C.
First Division (v. Craigengower, Away): G. Lee, L. Jack, W. Hyde and E. Keith (Skip); C. Champelover, T. Madar, A. W. Ramsey and E. C. Fincher (Skip); G. Taylor, J. W. M. Brown, A. W. Smith and J. Fraser (Skip).

Second Division (v. Hong Kong Cricket Club, Away): E. Curtis, W. Lee, G. Moss and T. W. Carr (Skip); F. A. Fabul, V. C. Labrum, R. Marks and H. Overy (Skip); R. Leigh, W. Parsons, R. Wellwood and A. Spary (Skip).
Reserves: C. J. Tachhi, A. Bone, E. M. Phillips and A. C. Tribble.

K. TONG
Second Division (v. Police Recreation Club, Home): N. A. E. Mackay, H. Y. Hsu, C. J. Roe and H. C. Gills (Skip); Y. H. Tang, A. W. da Roza, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip); H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, W. J. Howard and A. J. Kew (Skip).

RECREIO
First Division (v. Indian Recreation Club, Away): L. J. Silva, F. X. Soares, R. F. Jaz and H. A. Alves (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip); J. A. Luz, C. F. Marques, J. F. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

CRICKET

ATMOSPHERE OF VILLAGE GREEN IS BEING REGAINED

RALLY TO CALL TO KEEP GAME GOING FOR WAR

CLUB CRICKETERS are rallying to the call to keep the game going during the war, states a message from London. The Club Cricket Conference has a membership of about 1,400 clubs and so far about 800 have answered the appeal to carry on as usual, despite the fact that many of them have very little resources on which to draw.

Mr. E. A. C. Thompson, the Conference secretary, is very pleased with this response which shows the eagerness of club cricketers to make up the lack of initiative shown by many of the country clubs. He said some of the clubs have only paper assets; some are in debt and others have a great struggle to pay rent and taxes.

This war-time cricket business is being carried out on the right lines. The village green atmosphere, with batsmen always out to knock the cover off the ball and matches played in the best sporting spirit, looks like coming into its own again.

Famous Names

There was abundant evidence of this when the touring London Counties side, which has the services of many famous names in cricket, visited West Wickham and attracted a gate of £50.

In order to enable the team to wipe off urgent expenses, make its donation to a West Wickham charity and put a bit in the communal kitty for a share-out among the team's professional

members at the end of the season, the players readily agreed to accept £1 each instead of the £2 minimum previously arranged.

Big Jim Smith, the Middlesex fast bowler, had to pay 13/- out of his pound in fares and team spirit was again to the fore when Joe Hulme, the England player, went round with the hat and the others put a shilling each. St. Smith's fare cost him 3/- and to save hotel expenses Smith slept on the dining room floor of a friend's house!—Reuter.

CANADA WILL STAGE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Unlike Australia and New Zealand, who both have abandoned their Open Golf Championships this year because of the war, Canada has decided to carry on, it was recently announced in Toronto.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association announces that the 33rd Annual Canadian Open Golf Championship will be held over the course of the Scarboro Golf and Country Club, Toronto, from August 15 to 17, and, as usual many famous Americans are expected to compete.

It will be the fourth Canadian Open to be staged at Toronto in the last five years. The 1939 Championship, which was won by the American, Harold McSpaden, was held at St. John, New Brunswick.

ARMSTRONG-JENKINS RETURN BOUT

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced in New York last week, that Lew Jenkins, world's lightweight champion, and Henry Armstrong, world's welterweight champion, would meet in a return 12-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden on September 27.

Jacobs, in making the announcement of the fight, offered no reference to the recent meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission at which all officials connected with the first battle were ordered to appear after purses had been held up.

CENTURY FOR J. W. POTE-HUNT

Several Shanghai cricketers who are well-known in Hong Kong were prominent in League matches in Shanghai over the week-end. Chief performance was that of J. W. "Jackie" Pote-Hunt, who, playing in his first game this summer, gave only one chance, behind the wicket at 28, in a glorious innings of 142 not out.

A good innings was played by G. S. Dunkley, for many years the Colony stumper. Hitting a six and two fours in a dashing innings for Shanghai Cricket Club Nomads, the team for which Pote-Hunt also plays, Dunkley, who in Hong Kong used to go in last, took part in a useful first-wicket stand with "Peanut" Marshall, better-known in Hong Kong as a jockey.

Other members of the S. C. C. Nomads, who played in this match, were Donald Leach, H. E. Orr and G. B. Elliot, all of whom have either played in, or against Hong Kong on various occasions.

European Y.M.C.A. will hold a swimming gala against Hong Kong University at the home pool at 9.15 p.m. to-day, while Eastern Athletic Association will also hold a gala at North Point, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION POUNDED

Twenty-four thousand fans last week watched Henry Armstrong, the perpetual-motion battler from Los Angeles, score a technical knockout over Lew Jenkins of Texas at the end of the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round non-title bout at the Polo Grounds.

Referee Arthur Donovan halted the fight after the Negro welterweight king pounded the lightweight champion into bloody helplessness.

Jenkins kissed the canvas six times in the course of the fight. At the end of the sixth round, Leo was such a battered warrior he almost could not sit straight on his stool. Donovan saw no sense in continuing the slaughter, and promptly raised Armstrong's arm in token of victory. — United Press.

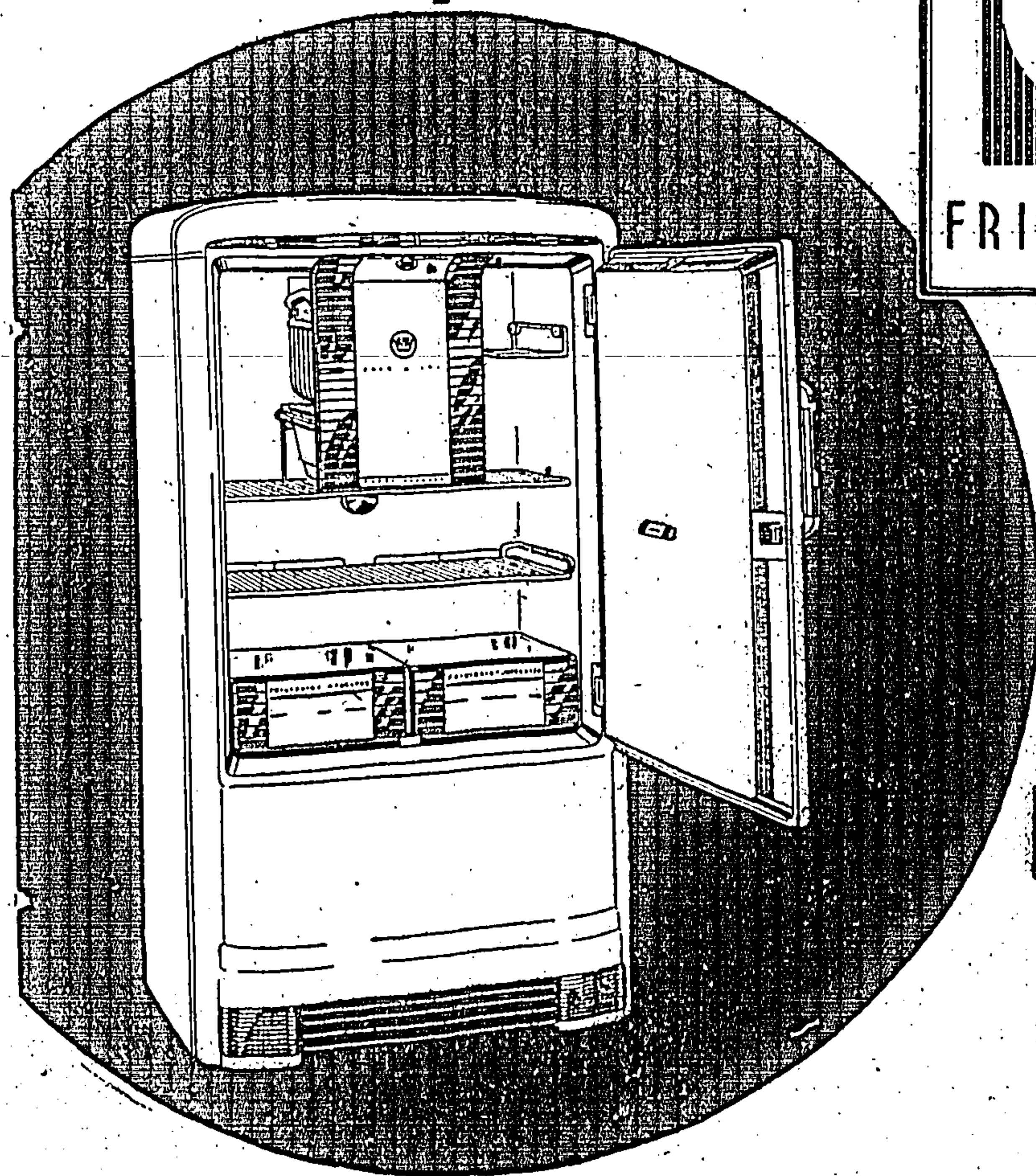
HOLDS UP PURSES OF FIGHTERS

The New York Boxing Commission has ordered Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century Sports Club to withhold the purses of Lew Jenkins and Henry Armstrong, who met on July 17 in a non-title bout at the Polo Grounds, which Armstrong won by technical knockout in the sixth round.

No immediate reason for its order was given by the commission, which has ordered all persons connected with the fight to appear.

It was reported that prior to the fight both fighters and their managers entered into a private agreement allowing Armstrong, one-time triple champion, to wear more bandages than commission rules permitted.

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FARMER CAPTURES NAZI PILOT

A German bomber brought down in south-west England early yesterday skimmed the roof of a farmhouse before crashing in a field. Three of the occupants were killed.

The pilot, the only survivor, parachuted to earth where he was captured by the farmer, a 47-year-old ex-soldier and member of the Home Guard, who seized a shot-gun and raced across the farmyard in his stocking feet.

The farmer afterwards said the pilot was "a bit contrary and if he had moved his hands I should have left him have it. My daughter told me not to do it."

The pilot was taken to the farmhouse where the farmer's wife bathed and bandaged his face. He was afterwards given tea and cake, and then the farmer, still armed with his shot-gun, marched him two miles to the village constable's house. — Reuter.

BRIGHT TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

A steady stream of buying orders on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was responsible for a general improvement under the lead of Kaffirs, while home rails were also prominent on satisfaction at yesterday's interim dividends. Leading industrials attracted support. Oils and copers initially moved up and subsequently turned steady. Gilt-

SOMETHING DOING---BUT HUSH-HUSH

A hint that important news favourable to Britain was to be expected within a week, was made by Mr. Bernt Balchen, head of the Norwegian air mission, in an interview in Toronto yesterday.

Mr. Balchen said: "I cannot reveal at present what is happening or may happen."

"The news—and it will be big — will break either at Washington or in Toronto." — Reuter.

M. AVENOL PLANS TO RESIGN

The League of Nations has received a telegram from M. Joseph Avenol resigning from the Secretary-Generalship of the League from the end of next month.

It is thought in Geneva that a Committee of Three will handle the League's affairs after that date. — Reuter.

M. Avenol has been Secretary-General of the League since 1932.

edged securities were quiet. Wall Street: Steady. — Reuter.

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On 'Merchantman'

THE CREW OF A Norwegian ship which rescued 25 survivors of the British freighter Davisian, stated on arrival in New York yesterday that the freighter was sunk by a fast 10,000-ton German raider named the Narvik.

The raider, disguised as a Swedish merchantman, carried disappearing 6-inch guns. Survivors stated the Davisian was attacked on July 10 about 240 miles east of the Virgin Islands, within the American neutrality zone.

The raider on approaching the Davisian suddenly threw a piece of canvas bearing the swastika over the side and opened up with two 6-inch guns.

The Davisian replied with her single 4-inch until a shot from the raider wounded the gunner and four seamen and forced the Davisian to surrender.

The Germans took the Davisian's crew on board and sank the ship. They kept the captains of the Davisian and the King John, the other ship sunk, as well as five wounded men, as prisoners.

Put Adrift

The remainder, numbering 66, were put adrift in leaky open boats with only water and hard tack.

Lifboats containing 41 men reached a West Indian island but 25 of the Davisian's crew drifted and rowed or sailed 640 miles before the Norwegian ship Lief found them, more dead than alive, a mile from Samana, in Santo Domingo.

The crew stated the raider could make 19 knots and carried 300 men. — Reuter.

BRITAIN AND BULGARIA

COMPETENT BULGARIAN CIRCLES IN SOFIA YESTERDAY STATED THAT BULGARIA HAS BEEN INFORMED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THAT BRITAIN WOULD VIEW FAVOURABLY AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF BULGARIAN CLAIMS TO THE SOUTHERN DOBRUDJA.

It was added that this does not represent a change in principle on Britain's part.

The same authority said this expression of the British attitude became possible only after the marked swing of the Rumanian Government towards the Axis and the rejection by King Carol of the British guarantee. — Reuter.

FILIBUSTER IN SHANGHAI

THE MEETING OF THE CONSULAR BODY AT SHANGHAI CALLED TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF AGAINST TERRORISM BY MR. W. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WAS VIRTUALLY KILLED BY A FILIBUSTER OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL, MR. Y. MIURA, ACCORDING TO A SHANGHAI REPORT.

The meeting opened at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and was adjourned at 6.40. In the 3-hour session, Mr. Miura practically monopolised the floor.

Mr. Miura's speech, which ran into 4,000 words, bitterly attacked Mr. Keswick for his failure to consult his colleagues before issuing the appeal to the Consular Body. He also complained that Mr. Keswick should not have released his appeal to the Press.

The Japanese Consul-General also attributed the terrorist wave in Shanghai to Chinese patriots loyal to the National Government.

After Mr. Miura's speech, the Consular Body decided to re-meet on August 2. — Central News.

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Mr. William Knudsen, chief production expert of the United States National Defence Commission, stated in Washington yesterday that the plan announced by Lord Beaverbrook for the production of 3,000 planes a month for Britain in the United States would require the construction of 38 new factories and production at this rate, he estimated, could not be reached before the middle of 1942.

Mr. Knudsen said the British purchasing mission had asked the Defence Commission to estimate the cost of creating facilities for the manufacture of planes on this scale and the estimates would be ready for the week-end.

American aircraft production of all types except smaller commercial machines was expected to total 895 during August but this would be considerable increased by October.

Next month's production would include 236 military planes for Britain and 396 for the U.S.A.

The Wright Aeronautical Corporation had borrowed \$92,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to build a new aero-engine factory which would increase the company's capacity by about a thousand engines a month. — Reuter.

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